

Chronological Listing of Section 106 Interagency Consultation, Coordination and Correspondence

Number	Date	From:		To:		Subject:
		Name	Agency	Name	Agency	
1	10-May-13	Robert Davies	FHWA	Carol Legard	ACHP	Inviting ACHP to participate in Section 106 process
2	18-Jun-13	Hans Anker	FHWA	Melissa Bach	Seneca Nation of Indians	Initiating Section 106 consultation
3	18-Jun-13	Hans Anker	FHWA	Chief Darwin Hill	Tonawanda Seneca	Initiating Section 106 consultation
4	19-Jun-13	Charlene Dwin Vaughn	ACHP	Hans Anker	FHWA	ACHP offers to provide technical assistance for Section 106 process and attend Consulting Parties meeting
5	19-Jun-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	John Bonafide	NYSHPO	Request for NYSHPO's concurrence with NYSDOT's draft Project APE
6	21-Jun-13	John Bonafide	NYSHPO	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	NYSHPO's concurrence with NYSDOT's draft Project APE
7	28-Jun-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Hans Anker	FHWA	Request FHWA's review and concurrence with established APE
8	2-Jul-13	Hans Anker	FHWA	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	FHWA concurrence with definition of the APE as documented on 6/25/13
9	2-Jul-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	John Bonafide	NYSHPO	Request for NYSHPO's concurrence with NYSDOT's revised APE
10	3-Jul-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Hans Anker	FHWA	Request FHWA's review and concurrence with revised APE

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11	3-Jul-13	John Bonafide	NYSHPO	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	NYSHPO's concurrence with NYSDOT's revised APE
12	5-Jul-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Hans Anker	FHWA	Request FHWA approval of Consulting Party requests
13	5-Jul-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	John Bonafide	NYSHPO	Request SHPO concurrence with findings and recommendations in SUNY/Buffalo's <i>Update of Previously Identified Historic Properties, Archaeological Sensitivity, and Proposal for Archaeological Monitoring</i>
14	10-Jul-13	Hans Anker	FHWA	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Approval of Consulting Party Status for 19 organizations or individuals
15	10-Jul-13	Hans Anker	FHWA	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	FHWA concurrence with revisions to the original APE
16	11-Jul-13	Robert Davies	FHWA	Thomas W. Frank	Letter	Denial of Consulting Parties Status

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17	12-Jul-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Consulting Parties	--	Invitation to the July 30, 2013 Consulting Parties Meeting and transmittal of the Project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) and SUNY/Buffalo's <i>Update of Previously Identified Historic Properties, Archaeological Sensitivity, and Proposal for Archaeological Monitoring</i> .
18	12-Jul-13	Sylvia Jones	NYSDOT	Chief Darwin Hill	Tonawanda Seneca Nation	Invitation to the July 30, 2013 Consulting Parties Meeting and transmittal of the Project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) and SUNY/Buffalo's <i>Update of Previously Identified Historic Properties, Archaeological Sensitivity, and Proposal for Archaeological Monitoring</i>
19	12-Jul-13	Sylvia Jones	NYSDOT	Melissa Bach	Seneca Nation of Indians	NYSHPO concurrence with the findings of SUNY/Buffalo's <i>Update of Previously Identified Historic Properties, Archaeological Sensitivity, and Proposal for Archaeological Monitoring</i>

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20	18-Jul-13	John Bonafide	NYSHPO	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	SHPO concurs with findings and recommendations in SUNY/Buffalo's <i>Update of Previously Identified Historic Properties, Archaeological Sensitivity, and Proposal for Archaeological Monitoring</i>
21	19-Jul-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Hans Anker	FHWA	Request for FHWA concurrence with eligibility of historic properities within the APE and recommendation for archaeological monitoring during construction
22	25-Jul-13	Hans Anker	FHWA	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Concurrence with eligibility findings and recommendation for archaeological monitoring during construction in July 2013 report
23	29-Jul-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Consulting Parties	--	Transmittal of Preliminary Assessment of Effects
24	29-Jul-13	Sylvia Jones	NYSDOT	Melissa Bach	Seneca Nation of Indians	Transmittal of Preliminary Assessment of Effects
25	29-Jul-13	Sylvia Jones	NYSDOT	Chief Darwin Hill	Tonawanda Seneca	Transmittal of Section 106 Documentation Package

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26	1-Aug-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Elizabeth Merritt	National Trust for Historic Preservation	Transmittal of July 30, 2013 Consulting Parties Meeting Transcript and Section 106 materials
27	15-Aug-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Consulting Parties	--	Transmittal of July 30, 2013 Consulting Parties Meeting Transcript; no extension of 30 day comment period
28	15-Aug-13	Sylvia Jones	NYSDOT	Melissa Bach	Seneca Nation of Indians	Transmittal of July 30, 2013 Consulting Parties Meeting Transcript and other meeting materials
29	15-Aug-13	Sylvia Jones	NYSDOT	Chief Darwin Hill	Tonawanda Seneca	Transmittal of July 30, 2013 Consulting Parties Meeting Transcript and other meeting materials
30	27-Aug-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	John Bonafide	NYSHPO	Request for concurrence - updated determination of eligibility for Porter Avenue Bridge Abutments
31	29-Aug-13	John Bonafide	NYSHPO	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	SHPO concurs with updated determination of Porter Avenue Bridge as not NRHP eligible.
32	3-Sep-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Hans Anker	FHWA	Request concurrence that Porter Avenue Bridge abutments are not eligible for listing on the NRHP and not a Section 4(f) historic site.

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33	16-Sep-13	Hans Anker	FHWA	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	FHWA's detrmines that Porter Avenue Bridge abutments are not eligible for listing on the NRHP and not a Section 4(f) historic site.
34	28-Oct-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	John Bonafide	NYSHPO	Request for concurrence - No Adverse Effect Finding (see Section 3 of this Appendix)
35	4-Nov-13	John Bonafide	SHPO	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	SHPO concurs with No Adverse Effect Finding
36	7-Nov-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Hans Anker	FHWA	Request concurrence with No Adverse Effect Finding
37	7-Nov-13	Hans Anker	FHWA	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	No Adverse Effect Determination
38	8-Nov-13	Sylvia Jones	NYSDOT	Chief Darwin Hill	Tonawanda Seneca Nation	Transmittal of Section 106 Finding Documentation Package
39	8-Nov-13	Sylvia Jones	NYSDOT	Melissa Bach	Seneca Nation of Indians	Transmittal of Section 106 Finding Documentation Package
40	8-Nov-13	Daniel Hitt	NYSDOT	Consulting Parties	--	Transmittal of Section 106 Finding Documentation Package



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Subject: PIN 5760.80, NY Gateway Connections Improvement to the
US Peace Bridge Plaza
City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York

Dear Ms. Legard:

We would like to formally invite you to participate in the Section 106 consultation process for the subject project.

The New York State Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on a proposal to provide improved access to and from the US Border Port of Entry / Peace Bridge Plaza (Plaza), in the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. The primary need of the project is to address the limited direct access between the Plaza and Interstate 190. Existing direct access is limited and requires regional and international traffic to use the local street system. This limited access adds additional commercial traffic to the local streets which were originally designed to only meet the needs of local traffic. The purpose of the Project is to reduce the use of the local streets by interstate traffic and provide access to and from the existing Plaza at its current location. The primary objectives of the project are to address the need for direct access from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of Interstate 190, to redirect through traffic from Front Park, and to remove Baird Drive.

Alternatives under consideration include:

- 1) the no-build alternative; and
- 2) an alternative to construct a new ramp from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of Interstate 190, to remove Baird Drive, and to provide alternate access from Porter Avenue to the Plaza.

The NEPA Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register on May 6, 2013.

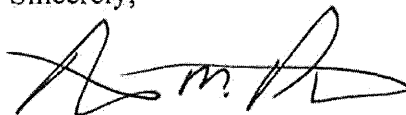
As you are aware from your involvement in previous projects in the vicinity of the Peace Bridge Plaza, there are several historic resources in the vicinity of the project area that will be

considered and analyzed under the Section 106 process for the subject project. In addition, the local community is very active in participating in the NEPA/EIS and Section 106 consultation process.

We strongly encourage and request the Council to participate in the Section 106 consultation process in order to ensure that the EIS adequately address potential impacts, if any, that our project may have on the historic resources in the vicinity of the project area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Hans Anker at (518) 431-8896.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. M. Davies", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert M. Davies
District Engineer

cc: Ruth Pierpont, OPRHP
Darrell Kaminski, Acting Regional Director, Region 5
Dan Hitt, Director, Environmental Science Bureau, NYSDOT



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Subject: Section 106 Consultation
PIN 5760.80/NY Gateway Connections Improvement to the US Peace Bridge Plaza
City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York

Dear Ms. Bach:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) would like to initiate consultation with the Seneca Nation of Indians for the proposed *NY Gateway Connections Improvement to the US Peace Bridge Plaza*, an undertaking subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), in cooperation with the FHWA, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on a proposal to provide improved access to and from the US Border Port of Entry / Peace Bridge Plaza (Plaza), in the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. Enclosed for your information, please find a map showing the project location and the initial study area for historic and cultural resources.

The primary need of the project is to address the limited direct access between the Plaza and Interstate 190. Existing direct access is limited and requires regional and international traffic to use the local street system. The purpose of the Project is to reduce the use of the local streets by interstate traffic and provide access to the existing Plaza at its current location. The primary objectives of the project are to address the need for direct access from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of Interstate 190, to redirect through traffic from Front Park, and to remove Baird Drive. Alternatives under consideration include: (1) the no-build alternative; and (2) an alternative to construct a new ramp from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of Interstate 190, to remove Baird Drive, and to provide alternate access from Porter Avenue to the Plaza.

We invite you to meet with FHWA and NYSDOT representatives to discuss and consider your views about the project and its potential to affect properties of religious and cultural significance to the Seneca Nation. Based on the current project schedule, we anticipate a meeting at the NYSDOT Region 5 office in Buffalo during the end of July 2013. NYSDOT staff will contact you shortly to confirm a date and time, based on your availability.

On behalf of FHWA and NYSDOT, we look forward to your participation in Section 106 consultation for the NY Gateway Connections project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 431-8896.

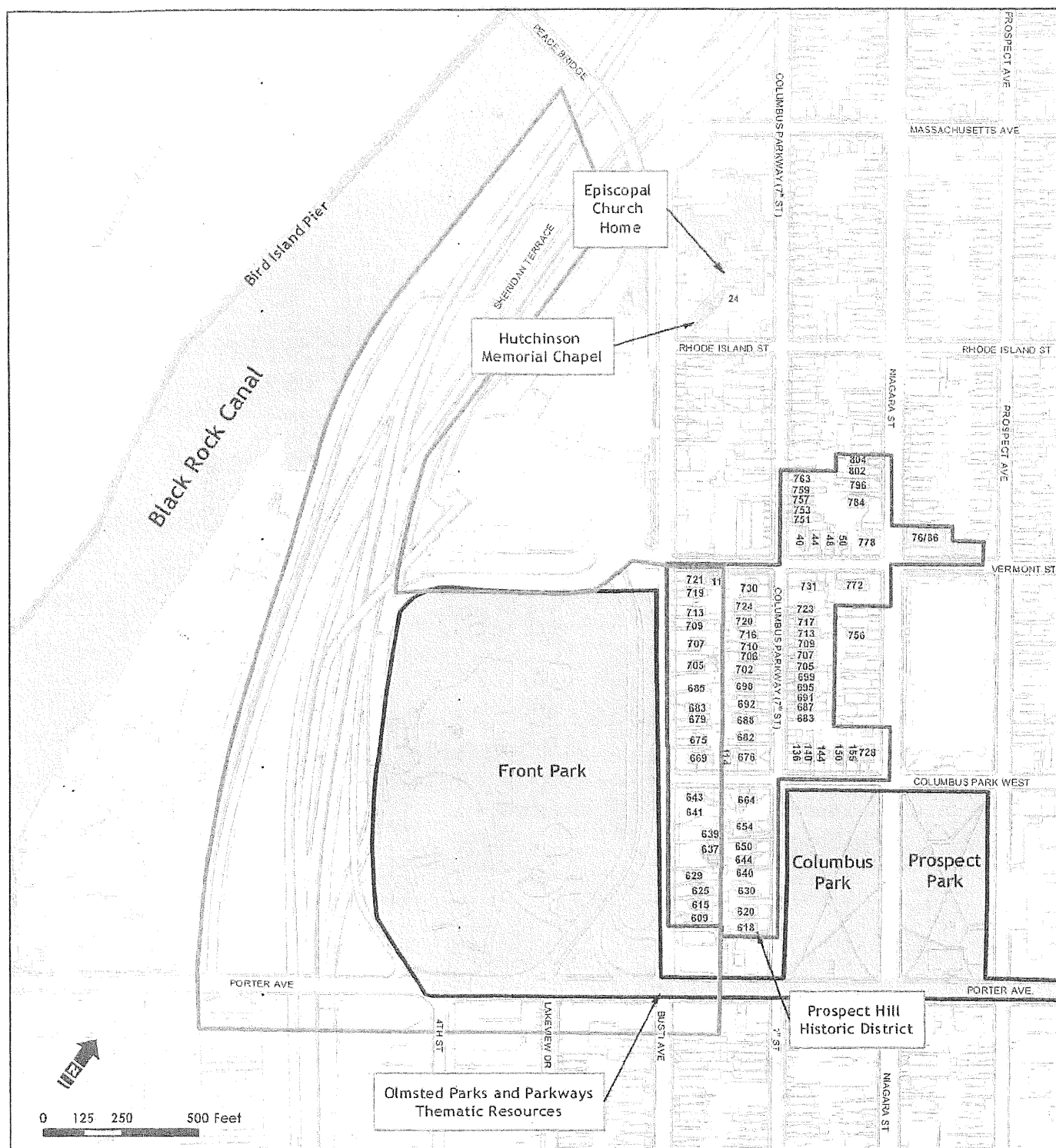
Sincerely,

/s/ HANS ANKER, P.E.

Hans Anker, P.E.
Senior Area Engineer

Encl: Project Location Map showing initial Study Area

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Subject: Section 106 Consultation
PIN 5760.80/NY Gateway Connections Improvement to the US Peace Bridge Plaza
City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York

Dear Chief Hill:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) would like to initiate consultation with the Tonawanda Seneca Nation for the proposed *NY Gateway Connections Improvement to the US Peace Bridge Plaza*, an undertaking subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), in cooperation with the FHWA, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on a proposal to provide improved access to and from the US Border Port of Entry / Peace Bridge Plaza (Plaza), in the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. Enclosed for your information, please find a map showing the project location and the initial study area for historic and cultural resources.

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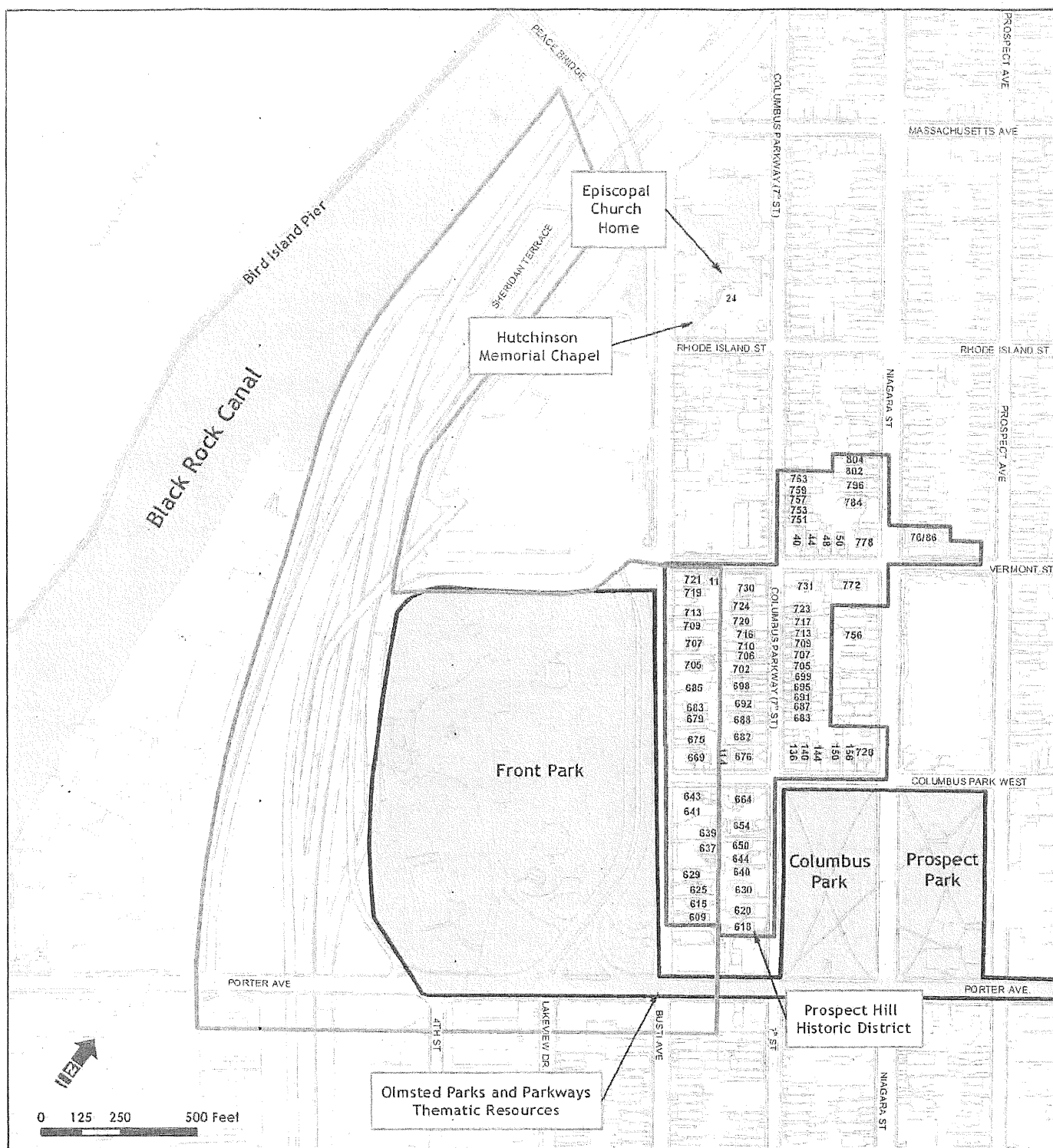
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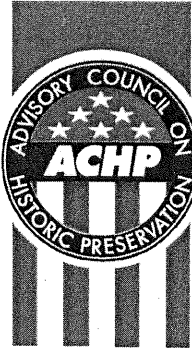
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June 19, 2013

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Ref: *Invitation to become a Cooperating Agency for the NY Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza.*
Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (HED-NY)
City of Buffalo, New York.

Dear Mr. Anker:

On June 6, 2013, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received your invitation to participate in the environmental review process for the referenced undertaking as a cooperating agency. In accordance with Section 1305 of MAP-21, "*Efficient Environmental Review for Project Decisionmaking*" the ACHP accepts this invitation. We do not at this time anticipate attending meetings in person or providing formal comments at environmental review milestones. However, we would appreciate your keeping us informed of progress, and we may decide to become more actively involved in the future, as warranted. We are also happy to provide FHWA with technical assistance at any time on matters related to historic preservation and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

In addition, the ACHP will participate in the Section 106 consulting party meeting that has been scheduled for July 31, 2013 in Buffalo, New York. We appreciate your inviting our participation in this meeting and in your agency's coordination of the Section 106 process with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. The ACHP does not normally participate in the early phases of Section 106 review. However, due to our involvement in the earlier Peace Bridge Expansion Project and the likelihood of remaining concerns among local residents regarding the project's effects on historic properties, we believe our participation in the initial Section 106 meeting will be helpful and informative.

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Thank you for inviting our participation in the development of this project. We look forward to seeing you on July 31st. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Carol Legard, the ACHP's FHWA Liaison, by telephone at (202) 606-8522 or by e-mail at clegard@achp.gov. Ms. Legard will be representing the ACHP in consultation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlene Dwin Vaughn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Charlene Dwin Vaughn, AICP
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June 19, 2013

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**RE: NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS – AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS**

Dear Mr. Bonafide:

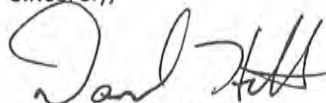
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in coordination with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), is initiating consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), for the New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza (Project), in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulation, 36 CFR Part 800.

The primary need of the Project is to address the limited direct access between the Plaza and Interstate 190. Existing direct access is limited and requires regional and international traffic to use the local street system. This limited access adds additional commercial traffic to the local streets which were originally designed to only meet the needs of local traffic. The purpose of the Project is to reduce the use of the local streets by interstate traffic and provide access to and from the existing Plaza at its current location. The primary objectives of the Project are to address the need for direct access from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of Interstate 190, to redirect through traffic from Front Park, and to remove Baird Drive.

Attached for your review is a document establishing the Project's area of potential effects (APE), as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.16(d). The APE incorporates a geographical area that includes both direct and indirect effects associated with an alternative to construct a new ramp from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of Interstate 190, to remove Baird Drive, and to provide alternate access from Porter Avenue to the Plaza.

Please forward any questions or comments to my attention at Dan.Hitt@dot.ny.gov. We respectfully request the written concurrence of the SHPO with the APE by June 21, 2013.

Sincerely,



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(Acting) Co-Director, Office of Environment

Enclosure: Documentation of Area of Potential Effects

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PIN 5760.80

**New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza
City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York**

Section 106 Review: Documentation of the Area of Potential Effects (APE)

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing a highway project in the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York, to provide improved access to and from the US Border Port of Entry / Peace Bridge Plaza (see **Figure 1**). The ***New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza*** (Project) is an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulation, 36 CFR Part 800. FHWA, in cooperation with NYSDOT, plans to carry out the Section 106 process in coordination with other environmental reviews, including an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

The primary need of the Project is to address the limited direct access between the Plaza and Interstate 190. Existing direct access is limited and requires regional and international traffic to use the local street system. This limited access adds additional commercial traffic to the local streets which were originally designed to only meet the needs of local traffic. The purpose of the Project is to reduce the use of the local streets by interstate traffic and provide access to and from the existing Plaza at its current location. The primary objectives of the project are to address the need for direct access from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of Interstate 190, to redirect through traffic from Front Park, and to remove Baird Drive.

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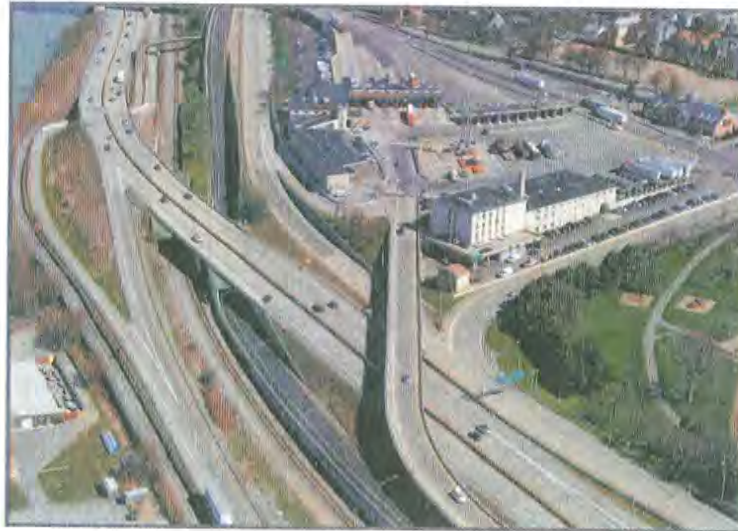


Photo 1. View looking north, towards location of proposed Ramp D from the Plaza to northbound I-190.



Photo 2. View looking northwest, at Baird Drive in Front Park and Porter Avenue.

Definition of Area of Potential Effects (APE)

As defined in 36 CFR Part 800.16(d), the area of potential effects (APE) represents the geographical area within which the Project “may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist”, and defines the area in which identification efforts will occur for architectural and archaeological properties.

In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4(a)(1), an area of potential effects (APE) has been defined for the New York Gateway Connections Project based on a proposed scope of work that includes:

- a direct connection from the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza to the northbound Thruway I-190 (proposed Ramp D);
- a new access point to the Peace Bridge from the City of Buffalo via Porter Avenue (proposed Ramp PN connecting to the existing Ramp A); and
- the removal of Baird Drive from Front Park.

The APE is shown in **Figure 3**. The entire Project APE incorporates potential visual and auditory effects associated with new elements in the built environment, changes in traffic patterns, and access. Within the APE, a smaller area is identified for potential direct effects of physical alterations or ground disturbance associated with the proposed construction of new ramps, removal of Baird Drive, and proposed modifications on Porter Avenue in the vicinity of the existing ramps to provide alternative access to the Plaza. Direct effects are confined to land occupied by existing transportation facilities - the Thruway corridor, Porter Avenue, and Baird Drive. The APE for direct effects includes a section of Porter Avenue from the east end of the bridge over I-190 extending to a point approximately 250 feet east of Busti Avenue; the entire length of Baird Drive from Porter Avenue to the Plaza; and an irregularly-shaped linear section extending from Porter Avenue north along the I-190 corridor west of Front Park and the Plaza, terminating approximately 125 feet south of the approach to the Peace Bridge.

Located on the west side of the City of Buffalo, the APE is situated on a bluff overlooking the Niagara River, separated from the waterfront by the New York State Thruway (I-190), which runs along the river on the west and adjacent to Front Park and the Plaza on the east. The general area is a densely populated,

mixed use urban neighborhood containing residential, business, industrial, and recreational components. Nearby public properties, outside the APE, include a public school, library and two parks (Columbus and Prospect Parks).

The APE incorporates 18 residential properties, one on Vermont Street and 17 on Busti Avenue, contributing to the Prospect Hill Historic District, a resource previously determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The APE boundary extends to the approximate property lines along the rear of homes that front on Busti Avenue between Vermont Street and Porter Avenue. The majority of properties within the historic district are located to the east and north, outside the Project's APE.

At the center of the APE is Front Park, open space bounded by Porter Avenue to the south, Busti Avenue to the east, the Plaza to the north, and I-190 to the west. Both Front Park and Porter Avenue are listed in the National Register, contributing resources of the Olmsted Parks and Parkways Thematic Resources, and also elements of the NRHP-listed Delaware Park-Front Park System (90NR01217). The Project APE immediately to the north of Front Park is drawn to match the Park's property line.

On the south side of Porter Avenue, the APE extends to the south of the existing right-of-way boundary to a point immediately south of the roadway just west of the I-190 southbound. By extending this line to this point, the APE includes not only the roadway leading into the West Side Rowing Club, but also includes the portion of the Riverwalk that abuts the west side of the I-190 right-of-way. The western line of the Project APE extends northward to a point just before the Peace Bridge before turning southeasterly across the I-190 right-of-way and then extends in a southerly direction along the top of the bluff (Sheridan Terrace) before terminating at the northwest corner of Front Park.

Identification efforts will focus on a review and update of existing information from past studies to identify historic properties within the APE for the NY Gateway Connections Project.

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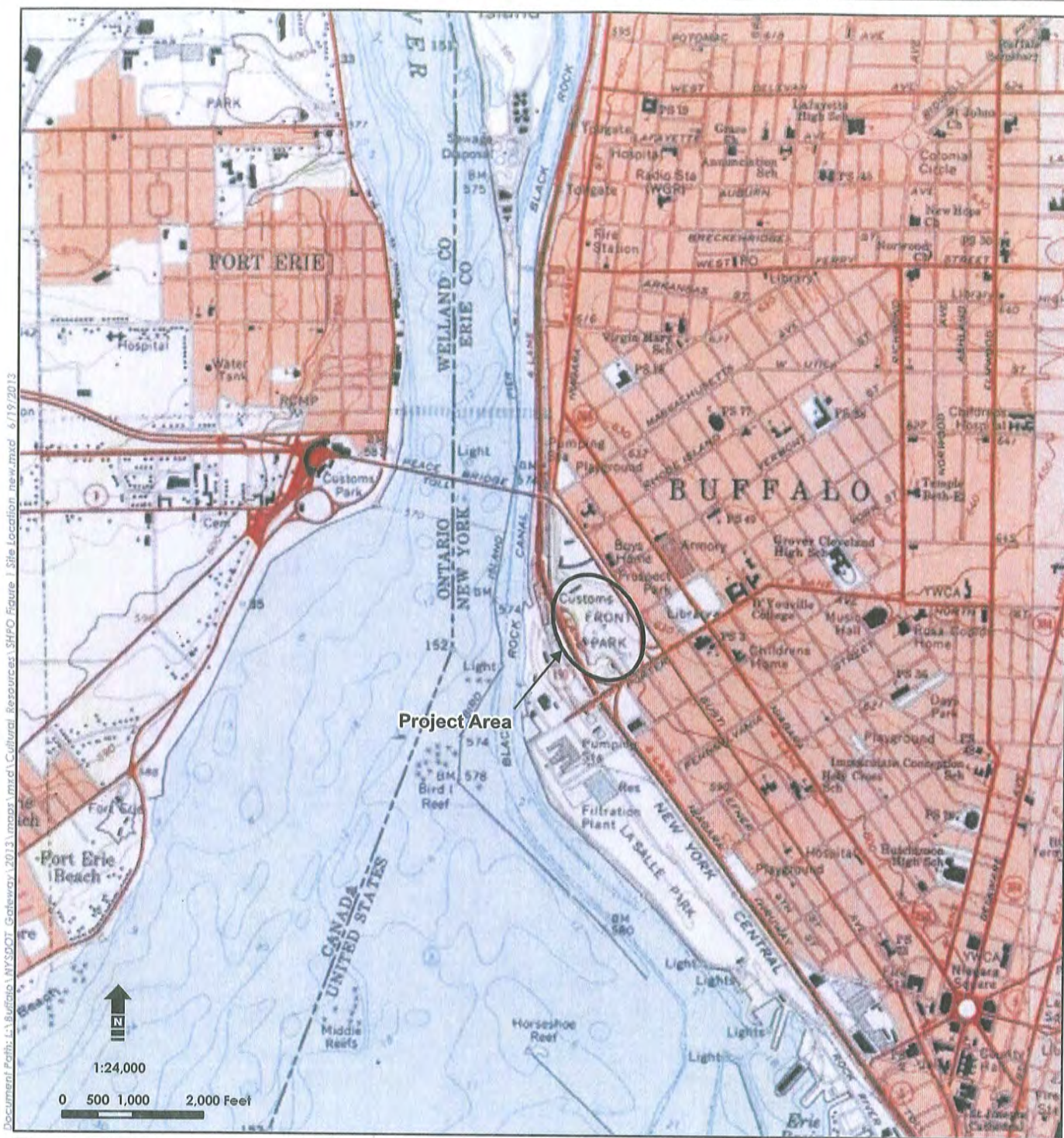


Figure 1: NY Gateway Connections Improvement
Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza
Site Location
Erie County, New York

SOURCE USGS 1: 24,000 Quadrangle (1965 publication date)

 Project Area



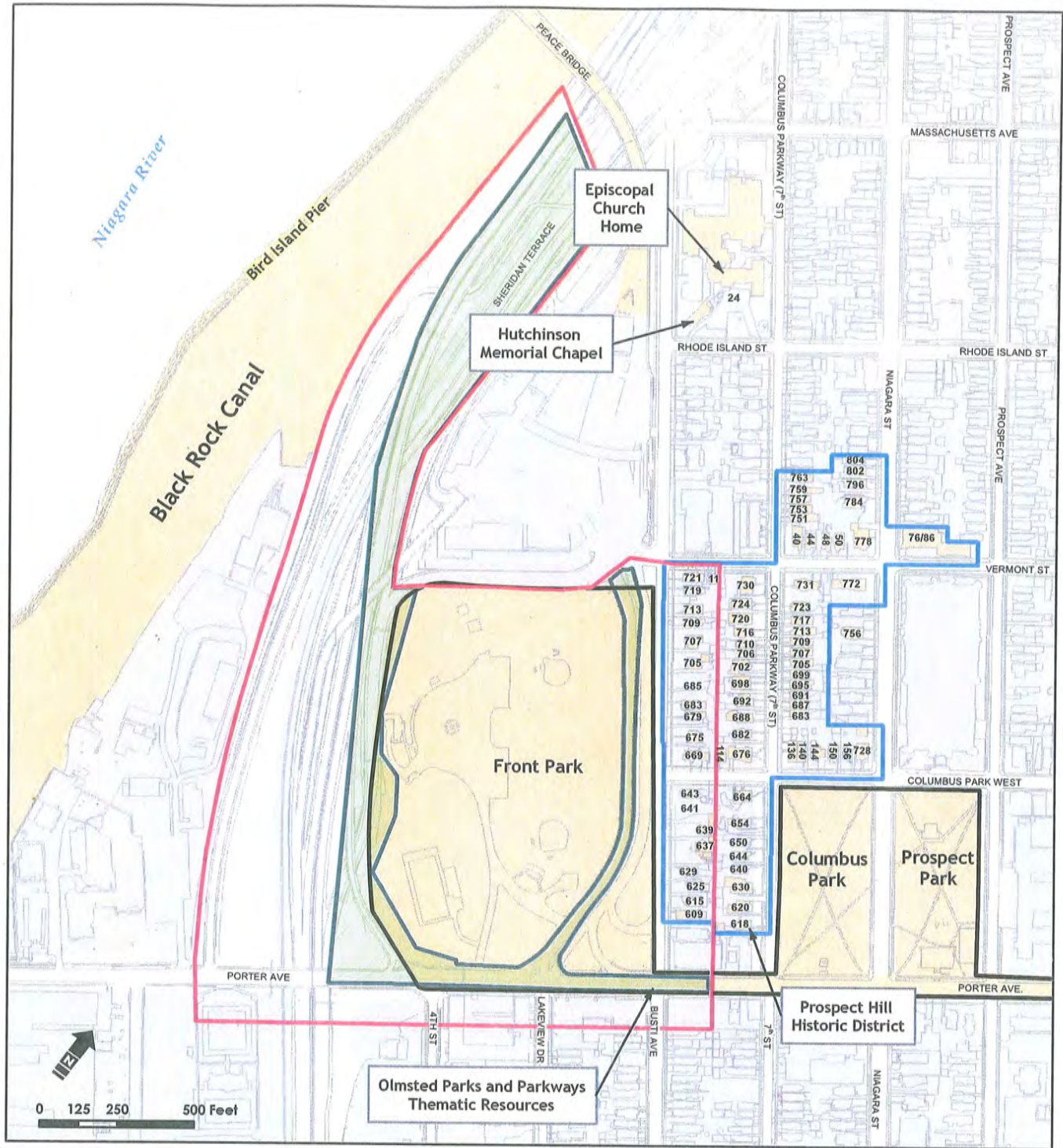


Figure 3: NY Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza
Area of Potential Effect (APE)
Erie County, New York

- Direct APE
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Re: FHWA, DOT PIN 5760.80
Documentation of the Area of Potential Effects for the NY Gateway Connections Improvements to the US Peace Bridge Plaza
BUFFALO, Erie County
13PR02859

Dear Mr. Hitt:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the submitted *Documentation of the Area of Potential Effects for the NY Gateway Connections Improvements to the US Peace Bridge Plaza* received by our office June 19, 2013. We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, *as amended*, and its implementing regulations 36 C.F.R. Part 800 – *Protection of Historic Properties*.

The project's area of potential effects (APE) is established in the provided document. The APE incorporates a geographic area that includes both direct and indirect effects associated with an alternative to construct a new ramp from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of Interstate 190, to remove Baird Drive, and to provide alternate access from Porter Avenue to the Plaza.

Based upon the provided information, our agency concurs with the established area of potential effects. Furthermore, our office looks forward to continued consultation regarding the proposed undertaking.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 237-8643.

Sincerely,

John Bonafide
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**RE: PIN 5760.80.101/ N.Y. GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA, CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY
SECTION 106 – AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS (APE)**

Dear Mr. Anker:

In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4(a)(1), the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and in consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), prepared a document establishing the area of potential effects (APE) for the *New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza*.

As defined in 36 CFR Part 800.16(d), the APE represents the geographical area within which the Project "may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist". For this project, the APE incorporates a geographical area that includes both direct and indirect effects associated with an alternative to construct a new ramp from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of Interstate 190, to remove Baird Drive, and to provide alternate access from Porter Avenue to the Plaza.

The document was submitted to the SHPO and FHWA for review on June 19, 2013. Attached for your information, please find the written concurrence of the SHPO with the APE. We respectfully request the concurrence of FHWA with the APE, in order to proceed with the identification of historic properties as the next step in the Section 106 process.

Please forward any questions or comments to my attention at Dan.Hitt@dot.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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DANIEL P. HITT, RLA
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Enclosure: SHPO Concurrence with APE

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 237-8643.

Sincerely,

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**RE: NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS – AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS (REVISED)**

Dear Mr. Bonafide:

On June 19, 2013, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), submitted a document establishing the "area of potential effects" (APE) for the *New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza (Project)*. In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.16(d), the APE was defined to incorporate a geographical area that includes both direct and indirect effects associated with an alternative to construct a new ramp from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of Interstate 190, to remove Baird Drive from Front Park, and to provide alternate access from Porter Avenue to the Plaza. Based upon information provided at that time, the SHPO concurred with the APE by letter dated June 21, 2013.

As a result of engineering and safety considerations, the Project Team has recently identified potential design options that would move the existing Porter Avenue entrance to Front Park further east, realigning the park driveway at Porter Avenue with Lakeview Terrace. This proposed change has the potential to cause direct effects on archaeological resources, if present. NYSDOT, in coordination with FHWA, has revised and expanded the previously-identified APE for direct effects, to incorporate ground-disturbing activities associated with the potential realignment of the park driveway. Enclosed for your review, please find a map of the revised APE.

Please forward any questions or comments to my attention at Dan.Hitt@dot.ny.gov. We respectfully request the written concurrence of the SHPO with the revised APE by **July 3, 2013**.

J. Bonafide, SHPO
July 2, 2013
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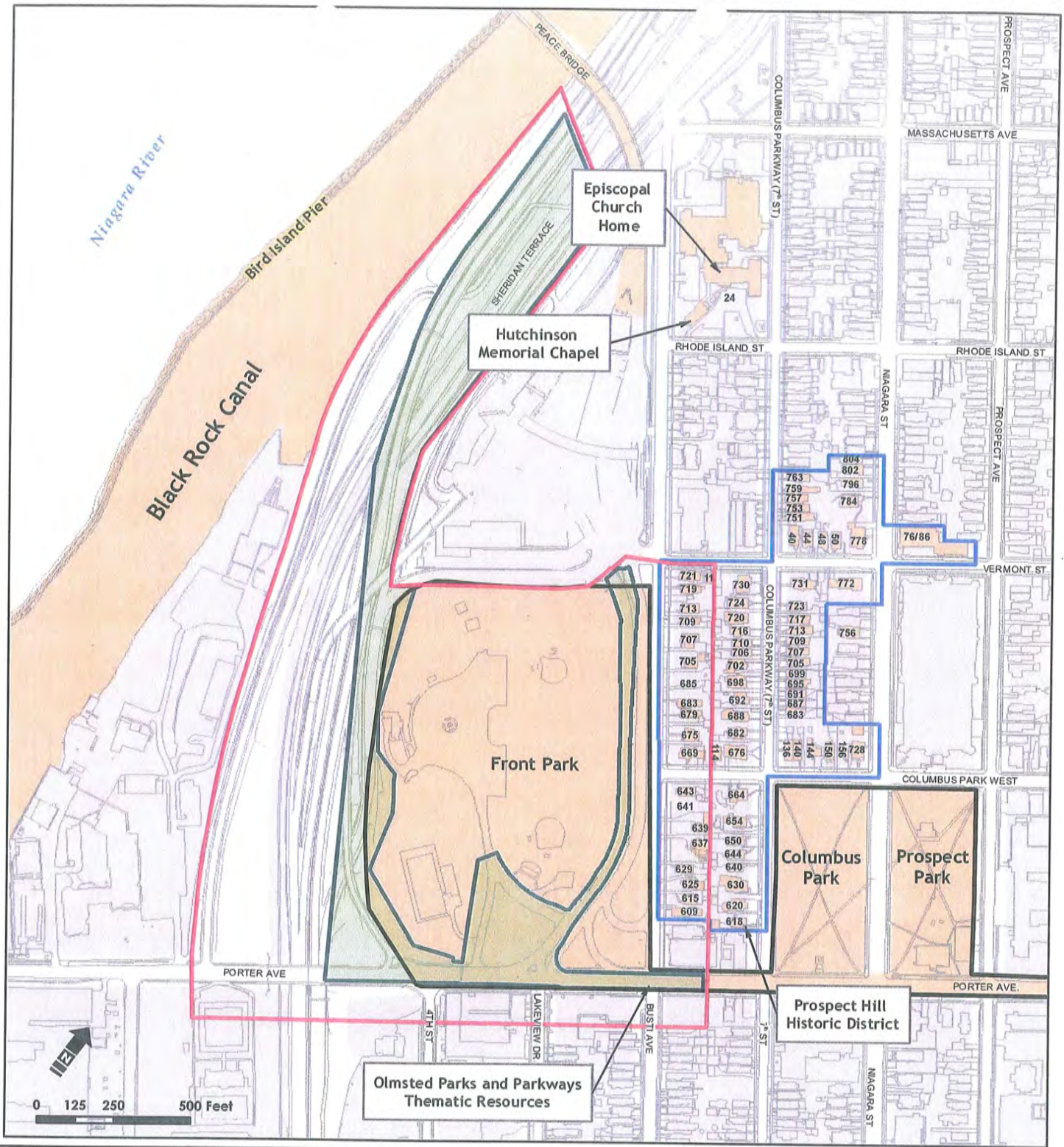
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Enclosure: Area of Potential Effects – Map (revised)

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Re: FHWA, DOT PIN 5760.80
*New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza: Section
106 Review Process – Area of Potential Effects (REVISED)*
BUFFALO, Erie County
13PR02859

Dear Mr. Hitt:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the submitted revised area of potential effects (APE) for the proposed project received by our office July 2, 2013. We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, *as amended*, and its implementing regulations 36 C.F.R. Part 800 – *Protection of Historic Properties*.

As a result of engineering and safety considerations, potential design options may necessitate shifting the existing Porter Avenue entrance to Front Park further east, thus realigning the park driveway at Porter Avenue with Lakeview Terrace. As such, the previously established APE has been revised as indicated on the provided map.

Based upon the provided information regarding the amended proposed project area, our agency concurs with the revised area of potential effects.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 237-8643.

Sincerely,

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Subject: PIN 5760.81.101 N.Y. Gateway Connections Improvement Project
To the US Peace Bridge Plaza, City of Buffalo, Erie County
Section 106 – Area of Potential Effects (APE)

Dear Mr. Hitt:

In response to your June 28 letter establishing the project's area of potential effects (APE) that includes both direct and indirect effects associated with an alternative to construct a new ramp from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of I-90, remove Baird Drive, and provide alternate access from Porter Avenue to the plaza. FHWA has reviewed the enclosed documentation and concurs with the established area of potential effect.

If, during the course of the traffic impact study and project impact analysis, it becomes clear that the APE should be expanded or restricted, please advise our office and implement the appropriate coordination actions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (518) 431-8896.

Sincerely,

Hans Anker, P.E.
Senior Area Engineer

cc:

John Bonafide, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
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PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106 – AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS (APE)**

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The document was submitted to the SHPO and FHWA for review on June 19, 2013. Based upon information provided at that time, the SHPO concurred with the APE by letter dated June 21, 2013.

As a result of engineering and safety considerations, the Project Team has recently identified potential design options that would move the existing Porter Avenue entrance to Front Park further east, realigning the park driveway at Porter Avenue with Lakeview Terrace. This proposed change has the potential to cause direct effects on archaeological resources, if present. NYSDOT, in coordination with FHWA, revised and expanded the previously-identified APE for direct effects, to incorporate ground-disturbing activities associated with the potential realignment of the park driveway. A map of the revised APE was submitted to the SHPO on July 2, 2013, and the SHPO has concurred.

H. Anker, P.E.

July 3, 2013

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At this time, we respectfully request your review and concurrence with the APE, in order to proceed with the identification of historic properties as the next step in the Section 106 process.

Please forward any questions or comments to my attention at Dan.Hitt@dot.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Map - Area of Potential Effects (APE)
SHPO Concurrence with APE

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Dear Mr. Hitt:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the submitted revised area of potential effects (APE) for the proposed project received by our office July 2, 2013. We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, *as amended*, and its implementing regulations 36 C.F.R. Part 800 – *Protection of Historic Properties*.

As a result of engineering and safety considerations, potential design options may necessitate shifting the existing Porter Avenue entrance to Front Park further east, thus realigning the park driveway at Porter Avenue with Lakeview Terrace. As such, the previously established APE has been revised as indicated on the provided map.

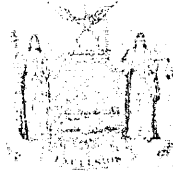
Based upon the provided information regarding the amended proposed project area, our agency concurs with the revised area of potential effects.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 237-8643.

Sincerely,

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**RE: NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA
PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS – IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Dear Mr. Bonafide:

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is submitting the enclosed report for the *New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza (Project)*, for review by the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulation, 36 CFR Part 800.

This report presents the results of efforts to identify historic properties within the Project's area of potential effects (APE), established by NYSDOT and FHWA in consultation with the SHPO. The APE was defined to incorporate a geographical area that includes both direct and indirect effects associated with an alternative to construct a new ramp from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of Interstate 190, to remove Baird Drive from Front Park, and to provide alternate access from Porter Avenue to the Plaza. The scope of identification efforts included a review and update of existing information on properties that were previously listed in or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. All above-ground resources within the APE have been previously evaluated for National Register eligibility.

Based on updated information, the NYSDOT concludes there is no change in the characteristics that qualify these previously-identified historic properties for the National Register:

- 18 contributing resources to the National Register eligible Prospect Hill Historic District (one residential property on Vermont Street and 17 residential properties on Busti Avenue)
- Front Park and Porter Avenue, contributing resources of the National Register listed Olmsted Parks and Parkways Thematic Resources; elements of the NRHP-listed Delaware Park-Front Park System (90NR01217)

Identification efforts also include an assessment of archaeological sensitivity and recommendations for archaeological investigations within the area subject to direct effects in association with ground-disturbing construction activities. Archaeological monitoring during construction is recommended due to the likely depth of potential archaeological deposits based on documented land alterations and the presence of deep fill soils, as well as the inaccessibility of areas beneath paved and other impervious surfaces associated with existing transportation facilities.

Based on your review of the enclosed report, we respectfully request the written concurrence of the SHPO with these findings and recommendations for the identification of historic properties within the APE. We would appreciate your response by July 9, 2013, and look forward to continuing consultation with your office.

Please forward any questions or comments to my attention at Dan.Hitt@dot.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



DANIEL P. HITT, RLA
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Enclosure: *Update of Previously Identified Historic Properties, Archaeological Sensitivity, and Proposal for Archaeological Monitoring*

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PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SECTION 106 CONSULTY PARTY STATUS**

Dear Mr. Anker:

Please find enclosed for consideration by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), requests for Section 106 Consulting Party status for the *New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza*, submitted to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.2(c)(5):

Certain individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the undertaking may participate as consulting parties due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the undertaking's effects on historic properties.

The enclosed requests were submitted in response to a public notice published in the *Buffalo News* on June 4, 2013, and a Public Scoping meeting held in Buffalo, New York on June 11, 2013, informing the public of the opportunity to participate in the Section 106 consultation process. The enclosures include copies of all written requests received by NYSDOT as formal letters, forms and e-mails, as well as a comprehensive list prepared by NYSDOT in a table format for your convenience.

The NYSDOT Office of Environment, in coordination with Region 5, has reviewed the enclosed requests and recommends the following individuals and organizations for Consulting Party status, based on their written statements of interest. While the City of Buffalo has not submitted a request, we recommend the City as a Consulting Party due to its jurisdiction over Front Park and Porter Avenue, National Register listed properties subject to consideration through the Section 106 review process.

1. Mr. Brian Dold, Mr. Gary Mucci, Mr. Thomas Herrera-Mishler
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy
2. Ms. Kathleen R. Mecca - President, Niagara Gateway Columbus Park Association
3. Mr. Clinton Brown - Clinton Brown Company Architecture, PC
4. Ms. Catherine Faust - Catherine Faust, Architect
5. Ms. Linda DeTine
6. Ms. Kate Cody
7. Ms. Tania Webizky and Mr. Daniel MacKay - Preservation League of New York State
8. Ms. Carole D. Perla
9. Ms. Elizabeth A. Martina
10. Mr. Matthew Ricchiazzi
11. Ms. Joyce DiChristina
12. Mr. Alan Oberst - Vision Niagara
13. Mr. Tim Tielman - Campaign for Greater Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture
14. Mr. Daniel Culross
15. Mr. Peter Joseph Certo and Ms. Joanne Certo
16. Mr. Jason Wilson, Preservation Buffalo Niagara
17. Mr. Peter J. Merlo, City Engineer, City of Buffalo
18. Ms. Melissa Bach, Seneca Nation of Indians
19. Chief Darwin Hill, Tonawanda Seneca Nation

The Seneca Nation of Indians and the Tonawanda Seneca Nation have been identified as having a consultative role in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.2(c)(ii), since both have previously identified a geographical area of interest for Section 106 consultation that includes the Project location in the City of Buffalo, Erie County.

We respectfully request FHWA approval of the above-referenced individuals and organizations, granting Consulting Party status for participation in the Section 106 process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Dan.Hitt@dot.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



DANIEL P. HITT, RLA
(Acting) Co-Director, Office of Environment

Enclosures

cc: Robert Davies, FHWA
John Bonafide, OPRHP / SHPO
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LIST OF CONSULTING PARTY REQUESTS

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE-E-MAIL	RECOMMENDED	REQUEST
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy Mr. Brian Dold Mr. Gary Mucci Mr. Herrera-Mishler	Parkside Lodge 84 Parkside Avenue Buffalo, NY 14214	Phone (716) 838-1249 Ext. 13 Phone (716) 280-8118 Fax (716) 835-1300 Brian@Bfloparks.org gmucci@hblaw.com thmishler@bfloparks.org	Yes	Form 6/12/2013
Ms. Kathleen R. Mecca President Niagara Gateway Columbus Park Association	763 Columbus Parkway Buffalo, New York 14203	Phone (716) 881-5309 krmecca@yahoo.com	Yes	Letter 5/28/2013
Mr. Clinton Brown President Clinton Brown Company Architecture, PC	The Market Arcade 617 Main Street, Suite M303 Buffalo, New York 14203-1400	Phone (716) 852-2020 clintonbrown@clintonbrowncompany.com	Yes	Letter 6/4/2013
Ms. Catherine Faust Catherine Faust, Architect	141 Highland Avenue Buffalo, New York 14222	Phone (716) 886-6809 Cathfaust@verizon.net	Yes	Form 6/11/2013
Ms. Linda J. DeTine	676 Columbus Parkway Buffalo, New York 14213	Phone (716) 510-8453 lindadetine@hotmail.com	Yes	E-mail 6/3/13
Ms. Kate Cody	654 Columbus Parkway Buffalo, New York 14213	Phone (716) 886-5371 katecdy@yahoo.com	Yes	Letter 5/29/2013
Preservation League of New York State Ms. Tania Werbizky Mr. Daniel MacKay	202 The Commons, Suite 302 Ithaca, New York 14850 44 Central Avenue Albany, New York 12206	twerbizky@preservenys.org dmackay@preservenys.org	Yes	Letter 5/31/2013
Ms. Carole D. Perla	630 Columbus Parkway Buffalo, New York 14213	Phone (716) 886-3374 caroleperla@hotmail.com	Yes	Letter 5/28/2013
Ms. Elizabeth A. Martina Niagara Gateway Columbus Park Association Prospect Hill Neighborhood Alliance	774 Columbus Parkway Buffalo, New York 14213	Phone (716) 812-4113 elizmartina@yahoo.com	Yes	Letter 6/1/2013

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Ms. Joyce DiChristina	695 Columbus Parkway Buffalo, New York 14213	Phone (716) 860-8120 JDich@juno.com	Yes	Form 6/11/2013
Mr. Alan Oberst Vision Niagara	189 14 th Street Buffalo, New York 14213	Ako_nsog@hotmail.com	Yes	Form 6/11/2013
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Mr. Peter Joseph and Ms. Joanne Certo	776 Columbus Parkway Buffalo, New York 14213	716-609-4099 peterjoe@certobrothers.com	Yes	E-mail 6/24/13
Mr. Jason Wilson Director of Operations Preservation Buffalo Niagara	617 Main Street Buffalo, New York 14203	Phone (716) 852-3300 Jwilson.PBN@gmail.com	Yes	E-mail 6/26/2013
Mr. Peter J. Merlo, City Engineer City of Buffalo	502 City Hall Buffalo, New York 14202	Phone (716) 851-5631 pmerlo@city-buffalo.com	Yes ¹	-----
Mr. Thomas W. Frank Niagara River Greenway National Heritage Area	225 Evans Street Apt. A1 Williamsville, New York 14221	Phone (716) 634-3690 twfrankeinsten@gmail.com	No	Form 6/21/2013
Seneca Nation of Indians Melissa Bach Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) Andrew Meyers, SNI THPO Archaeologist	90 O:hi'yoh Way Salamanca, NY 14779	Phone: (716) 945-1790, ext. 3580 Emergency: (716) 244-1735 Melissa.bach@sni.org andrewmeyers@sni.org	Yes	-----
Tonawanda Seneca Nation Chief Darwin Hill	Tonawanda Seneca Nation Office 7027 Meadville Road Basom, New York 14013	Phone: 716-542-4244 FAX: 716- 542-4008 tonseneca@aol.com	Yes	-----

¹ The City of Buffalo is recommended as a Section 106 consulting party due to its jurisdiction over Front Park and Porter Avenue.



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Subject: PIN 5760.81.101 N.Y. Gateway Connections Improvement Project
To the US Peace Bridge Plaza, City of Buffalo, Erie County
Section 106 – Area of Potential Effects (APE) Revised

Dear Mr. Hitt:

We have reviewed your July 3 letter revising the original June 28 area of potential effect (APE) that includes both direct and indirect effects associated with an alternative to construct a new ramp from the Plaza to the northbound lanes of I-90, remove Baird Drive, and provide alternate access from Porter Avenue to the plaza. FHWA has reviewed the enclosed documentation and concurs with the revisions to the original area of potential effect.

If, during the course of the traffic impact study and project impact analysis, it becomes clear that the APE should be expanded or restricted, please advise our office and implement the appropriate coordination actions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (518) 431-8896.

Sincerely,

/s/ HANS ANKER, P.E.

Hans Anker, P.E.
Senior Area Engineer

cc:
John Bonafide, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
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Subject: PIN 5760.80 N.Y. Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza
City of Buffalo, Erie County
Approval of Section 106 Consulting Party Status

Dear Mr. Hitt:

We have reviewed your July 5 letter transmitting 19 requests for Section 106 consulting party status on the NY Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza. As stated in 36 CFR Part 800.2(c)(5):

Certain individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the undertaking may participate as consulting parties due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the undertaking's effects on historic properties.

After reviewing the information contained in the individual requests, we have approved the following organizations and individuals to be consulting parties to the Section 106 process for the subject project:

1. Mr. Brian Dold, Mr. Gary Mucci, Mr. Thomas Herrera-Mishler – Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy
2. Ms. Kathleen R. Mecca – Niagara Gateway Columbus Park Association
3. Mr. Clinton Brown – Clinton Brown Company Architecture, PC
4. Ms. Catherine Faust – Catherine Faust, Architect
5. Ms. Linda DeTine
6. Ms. Kate Cody
7. Ms. Tania Webizky and Mr. Daniel MacKay – Preservation League of New York State
8. Ms. Carole D. Perla
9. Ms. Elizabeth A. Marina
10. Mr. Matthew Ricchiazzi
11. Ms. Joyce DiChristina
12. Mr. Alan Oberst – Vision Niagara
13. Mr. Tim Tielman – Campaign for Greater Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture
14. Mr. Daniel Culross
15. Mr. Peter Joseph Certo and Ms. Joanne Certo
16. Mr. Jason Wilson – Preservation Buffalo Niagara
17. Mr. Peter J. Merlo – City Engineer, City of Buffalo
18. Ms. Melissa Bach – Seneca Nation of Indians
19. Chief Darwin Hill – Tonawanda Seneca Nation

Consulting party status entitles these individuals/organizations to share views, receive and review pertinent information, offer ideas, and consider possible solutions together with the Federal Highway Administration, NYSDOT, and other consulting parties. Please ensure the requestors have a copy of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) guide entitled "Protecting Historic Properties: A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review".

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Mr. Thomas W. Frank
225 Evans Street, Apt. A1
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Dear Mr. Frank,

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) would like to thank you for your interest in the NY Gateway Connection Improvements to the US Peace Bridge Plaza project and the Section 106 process.

The NY Gateway Connection Improvements to the US Peace Bridge Plaza project is not associated with the New York Power Authority (NYPA) project #2216-081, nor does the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documentation being prepared for this project as part of Section 106 process and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process pertain to the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) compliance process. Therefore, after careful consideration of your request and supporting documentation, FHWA and NYSDOT are declining your request to participate as a Section 106 consulting party member for the Gateway project because the nature of your legal or economic relationship with the undertaking's effect on historic properties was not demonstrated in your request.

You may wish to continue your participation in the EIS process for the project as an interested member of the public. Public involvement is an essential part of the project development process, and provides continuing opportunities for the public to be involved in the identification of social, economic, and environmental impacts. Comments received from the public will be considered in the decision-making process, and appropriately documented in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

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PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY
PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859
SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS - CONSULTING PARTY MEETING - JULY 30, 2013**

Dear Ms. Melissa Bach:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) will be holding a meeting for the Consulting Parties to the Section 106 process for the NY Gateway Connection Improvements to the US Peace Bridge Plaza Project; The Seneca Nation of Indian's are cordially invited to participate in this Consulting Party meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at 1:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Buffalo-Tonawanda Room, on the first floor of the NYSDOT office. In addition to NYSDOT, the FHWA and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation are expected to participate.

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CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS – CONSULTING PARTY MEETING - JULY 30, 2013**

Dear Mr. Dold:

As an approved Consulting Party to the Section 106 process for the NY Gateway Connection Improvements to the US Peace Bridge Plaza Project, you are cordially invited to participate in a Consulting Party meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at 1:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Buffalo-Tonawanda Room, on the first floor of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) office. In addition to NYSDOT, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation are expected to participate.

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Dear Mr. Mucci:

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Ms. Catherine Faust
Catherine Faust, Architect
141 Highland Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14222

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Dear Ms. Faust:

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676 Columbus Parkway
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Ms. Kate Cody
654 Columbus Parkway
Buffalo, NY 14213

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Ms. Elizabeth A. Martina
Niagara Gateway Columbus Park Association
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774 Columbus Parkway
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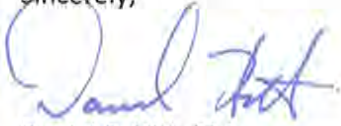
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Daniel P. Hitt, RLA

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**RE: NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE
PLAZA PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS – CONSULTING PARTY MEETING - JULY 30, 2013**

Dear Mr. Tielman:

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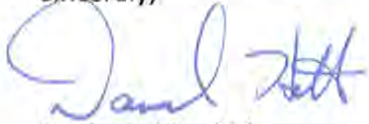
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Mr. Peter J. Merlo, City Engineer
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PLAZA PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS – CONSULTING PARTY MEETING - JULY 30, 2013**

Dear Mr. Merlo:

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Re: FHWA, DOT PIN 5760.80
Update of Previously Inventoried Historic Properties, Archaeological Sensitivity, and Proposal for Archaeological Monitoring PIN 5760.80.101: New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza, City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York [RAS 45 (13)]
13PR02859

Dear Mr. Hitt:

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The scope and identification efforts of this document included a review and update of existing information on properties that were previously listed in, or determined eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places (NR). All above-ground resources within the area of potential effects (APE) were previously evaluated for NR eligibility.

Based upon updated information, the New York State Department of Transportation concludes that there is no change in the characteristics that qualify these previously identified historic properties for the NR. They include:

- Eighteen (18) contributing resources to the National Register of Historic Places-eligible Prospect Hill Historic District (one residential property on Vermont Street and 17 residential properties on Busti Avenue).
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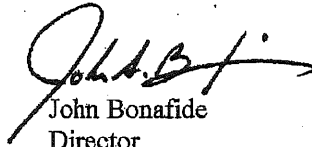
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Based upon the provided information, our office concurs with the findings and recommendations as provided in this report. Furthermore, we look forward to continued consultation regarding the proposed undertaking.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 237-8643.

Sincerely,

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July 19, 2013

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PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS – IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Dear Mr. Anker:

On July 5, 2012, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) submitted the following report for the *New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza* (Project) for review by the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulation, 36 CFR Part 800.

- ***Update of Previously Identified Historic Properties, Archaeological Sensitivity, and Proposal for Archaeological Monitoring.*** PIN 5760.80.101, NY Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza, City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. Nathan Montague, M.A., and Douglas J. Perrelli, Ph.D., RPA. Reports of the Archaeological Survey, Vol. 45, No. 13, Department of Anthropology, State University of NY at Buffalo, July 2013. Prepared for: NYS Museum, NYSDOT, FHWA.

This report presents the results of efforts to identify historic properties within the Project's area of potential effects (APE), established by NYSDOT and FHWA in consultation with the SHPO. The scope of identification efforts included a review and update of existing information on properties that were previously listed in or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. All above-ground resources within the APE have been previously evaluated for National Register eligibility. The report includes documentation of the process by which FHWA, in consultation with the SHPO, made a determination of National Register eligibility for the Prospect Hill Historic District in 2008 (Appendix D).

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The SHPO provided written concurrence by letter dated July 18, 2013. At this time, we respectfully request FHWA concurrence with the documented findings and recommendations in this report, in order to proceed with consultation to assess effects on identified historic properties.

Please forward any questions or comments to my attention at Dan.Hitt@dot.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



DANIEL P. HITT, RLA
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Encl.: Letter (J. Bonafide, OPRHP to D.P. Hitt, NYSDOT - July 18, 2013)

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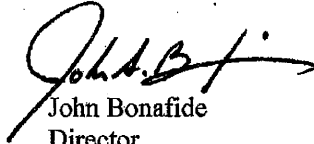
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Subject: PIN 5760.80 N.Y. Gateway Connections Improvement Project
To the US Peace Bridge Plaza, City of Buffalo, Erie County
Section 106 – Concurrence on Historic Properties

Dear Mr. Hitt:

In response to your July 19 letter and report updating previously inventoried historic properties, archaeological sensitivity, and proposal for archaeological monitoring, we have reviewed the information and we concur with the eligibility findings of 18 contributing resources to the National Resource eligible Prospect Hill Historic District, and Front Park and Porter Avenue as contributing resources to the National Register listed Olmsted Parks and Parkways Thematic Resources as submitted.

We also concur that archaeological monitoring during construction is recommended for the reasons outlined in your report.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (518) 431-8896.

Sincerely,

Hans Anker, P.E.
Senior Area Engineer

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CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
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Dear Ms. Elizabeth A. Martina:

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RE: NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA
PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS – PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT

Dear Mr. Matthew Ricchiazzi:

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Mr. Alan Oberst
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Mr. Peter J. Merlo, City Engineer
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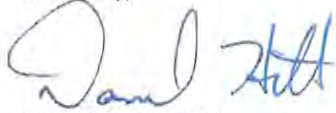
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As a representative of the Seneca Nation of Indians (SNI) during the Consulting Party consultation process, we are providing the SNI an opportunity to offer your views on the Project's effects on historic properties and any properties of religious and cultural significance to the Seneca Nation; through the Consulting Party meeting scheduled for July 30th in Buffalo, New York, and through your review of the enclosed summary "Draft Finding Documentation" prepared in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.11(e).

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Melissa Bach
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We understand that Tonawanda Seneca Nation is unable to attend Consulting Party meeting scheduled for July 30th in Buffalo, New York. Shortly after the Consulting Party meeting is held copies of the handout, project materials and minutes will be provided to the Nation. Through the Consulting Party process and the enclosed summary "Draft Finding Documentation" prepared in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.11(e), we are providing the Tonawanda Seneca Nation an opportunity to offer their views on the Project's effects on historic properties and any properties of religious and cultural significance to the Seneca Nation.

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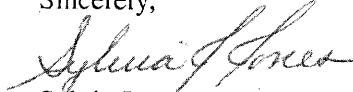
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SECTION 106 DOCUMENTATION PACKAGE

Dear Ms. Merritt:

In response to your expression of interest in participating in consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 for the *New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza* (Project), the following materials are enclosed for your information:

- Section 106 Consulting Party Meeting Agenda (July 30, 2013)
- Power Point presentations (July 30, 2013)
- Documentation of the Project's Area of Potential Effects (APE)
- Report – *Update of Previously Identified Historic Properties, Archaeological Sensitivity, and Proposal for Archaeological Monitoring*
- Draft Finding Documentation: Preliminary Assessment of Effects (July 2013)

At this time, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has no record of a formal request from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to participate as a Section 106 Consulting Party for this project. We regret the omission and respectfully request that you forward your original request, or complete and return the enclosed form, to document the interest of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Section 106 consultation for this Project. The NYSDOT will then coordinate with the FHWA to amend the record.

As you know, the NYSDOT, in coordination with the FHWA, held a Section 106 Consulting Party meeting on July 30, 2013, in the NYSDOT Regional office in Buffalo, New York. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an opportunity for Section 106 Consulting Parties to offer their views regarding the Project's potential effects on historic properties within the APE, and to hear their views regarding measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. On July 12, 2013, documentation of the Project's area of potential effects (APE) and a report on previously-identified historic properties were distributed to all Consulting Parties approved by FHWA at that time.

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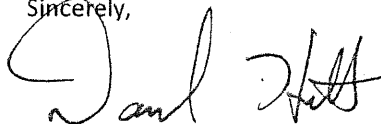
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Please submit written comments by mail or e-mail no later than August 30, 2013 to:

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In coordination with NYSDOT and in consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), FHWA will consider all written comments received during the review period. We appreciate your interest in Section 106 consultation for this project.

Sincerely,



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**RE: NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA
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SECTION 106 CONSULTATION: JULY 30 MEETING TRANSCRIPT & COMMENT PERIOD**

Dear Mr. Dold:

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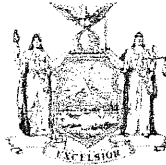
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SECTION 106 CONSULTATION: JULY 30 MEETING TRANSCRIPT & COMMENT PERIOD**

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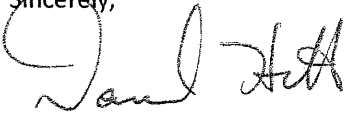
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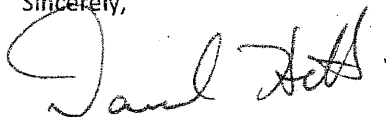
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As stated during the Consulting Party meeting, NYSDOT and the FHWA will consider all written comments received by August 30, 2013, as well as comments provided at the July 30, 2013 meeting. We appreciate your participation in Section 106 consultation for this Project, and acknowledge the contribution of Consulting Parties to inform the decisions made by NYSDOT and FHWA.

Please submit written comments by mail or e-mail no later than August 30, 2013.

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PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859
SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS - CONSULTING PARTY MEETING - JULY 30, 2013**

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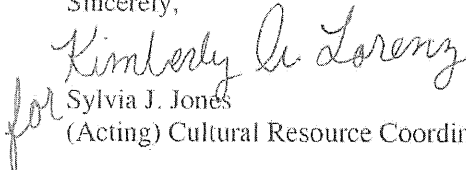
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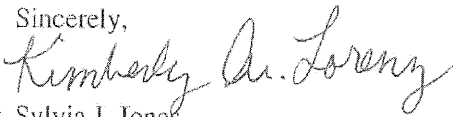
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SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS – BIN 5512560 (PORTER AVENUE BRIDGE OVER I-190 & CSX)

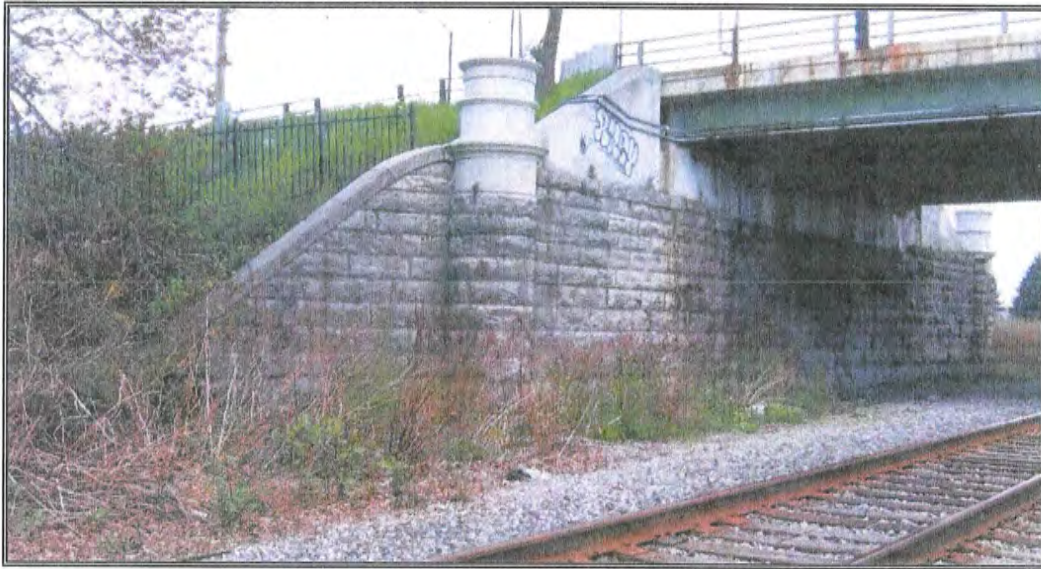
Dear Mr. Bonafide:

On July 5, 2013, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) submitted the following report for the *New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza (Project)*, for review by the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulation, 36 CFR Part 800.

- ***Update of Previously Identified Historic Properties, Archaeological Sensitivity, and Proposal for Archaeological Monitoring.*** PIN 5760.80.101, NY Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza, City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. Nathan Montague, M.A., and Douglas J. Perrelli, Ph.D., RPA. Reports of the Archaeological Survey, Vol. 45, No. 13, Department of Anthropology, State University of NY at Buffalo, July 2013. Prepared for: NYS Museum, NYSDOT, FHWA.

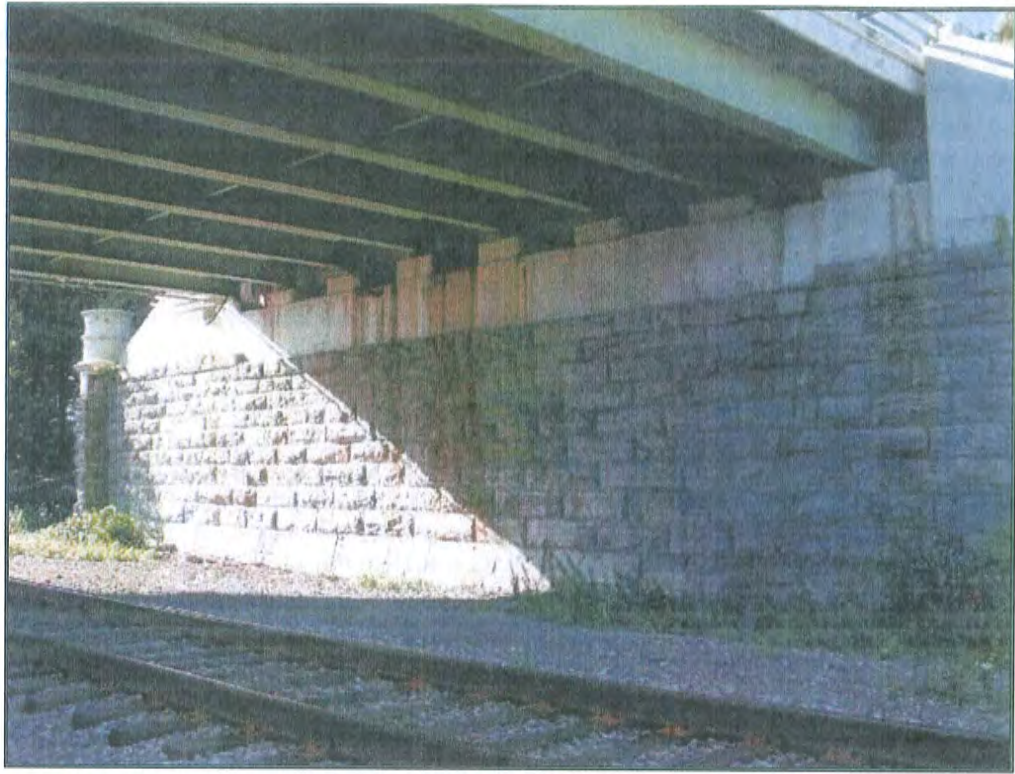
By letter dated July 18, 2013, the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurred with the findings and recommendations provided in this report. Built in 1958, the bridge carrying Porter Avenue over I-190 (BIN 5512560) was previously evaluated for National Register eligibility (NRE) in 2011, and determined not eligible for the National Register based on the bridge type and design of the superstructure (Montague and Perrelli 2013: 48).

At that time, the masonry abutments were identified as potentially eligible archaeological resources under National Register criterion A, due to their association with the Erie Canal. In consultation with the SHPO, NYSDOT and FHWA have recently determined the abutments are not considered to be archaeological resources, but have conducted further research and analysis to evaluate the potential for the abutments to meet the criteria for National Register eligibility as historic structures.



Looking northwest at the west abutment of the Porter Avenue bridge.





Concrete pad at base of west abutment.



View looking northeast from the west end of BIN 5512560, Porter Avenue over I-190 and CSX.

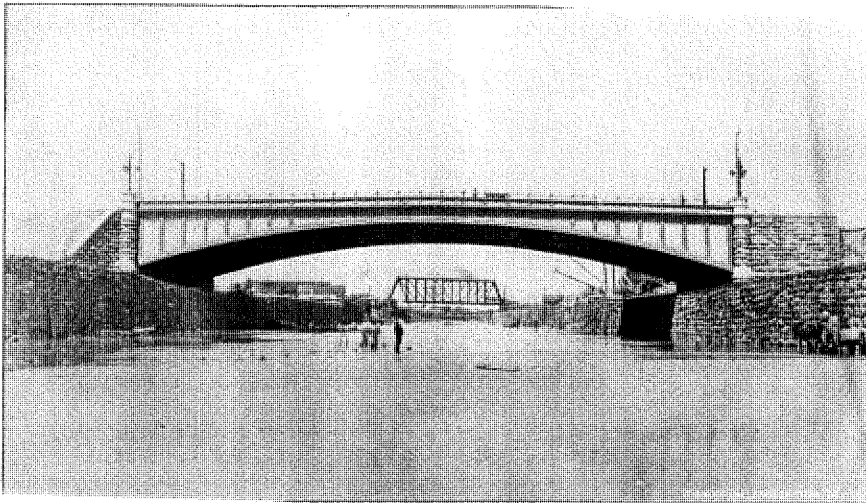
BIN 5512560 crosses I-190 and the CSX rail line in the former location of a single span, steel arch bridge built in 1897. A state law passed in 1895 authorized the construction of a new bridge over the Erie Canal at Porter Avenue, along with the necessary abutments and approaches (New York State 1895: 394-395). ¹ As shown on 1936 and 1956 plans, the 1897 bridge abutments were located just outside the east and west canal blue lines (property lines).

From the Annual report of the State Engineer and Surveyor, February 7, 1898 (pages 267-268):

The money used in building this bridge was furnished, in part, by the State and in part by the city of Buffalo. Porter Avenue, where it crosses the Erie Canal, is a part of the Park system of Buffalo, and a bridge larger and more artistic than would otherwise have been built was deemed necessary.

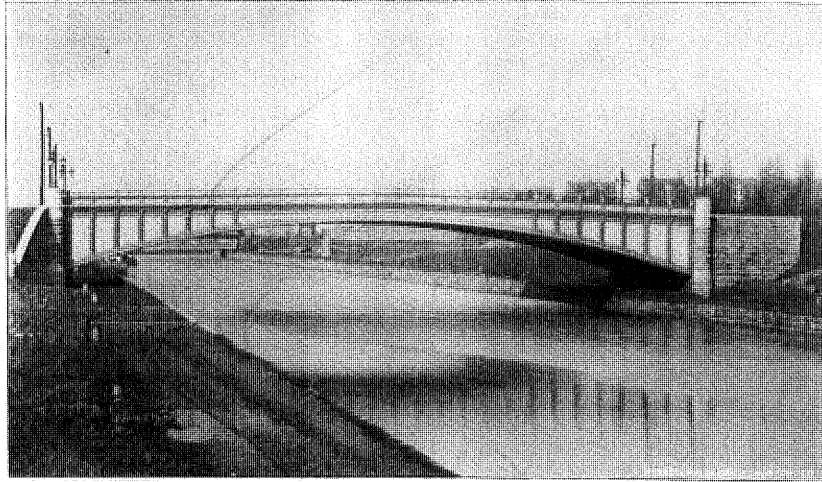
The bridge as built is a riveted steel arch of 186 feet span between pin centers and a 15-foot rise of arch. It has one roadway 50 feet wide and two sidewalks each 25 feet wide. The roadway is paved with asphalt and the sidewalk with concrete topped with crushed granite laid in 5-foot squares, both pavement and sidewalks being guaranteed for five years. Cast-iron ornamental work is applied to the two outside girders, the design consisting of pilasters with intervening panels, capitals surmounting the pilasters and a projecting cornice at the level of the sidewalk. A cast-iron balustrade with panels supporting ornamental posts carrying a pipe railing, extends along each side of the bridge and terminates in the masonry buttresses at each end. These buttresses support the electrolier posts, each of the four posts carrying three clusters of three 50-candle power incandescent electric lights each. A large globe of opalescent glass set in a wrought iron basket encloses each cluster of lights.

The abutments of the bridge are founded on piles and are built of concrete faced with rock pointed limestone. The wings curved and coped with bush hammered limestone. The ends of the wings are topped by bush hammered limestone balls, four feet in diameter. A circular buttress of bush hammered limestone is on each end of the abutments. The bridge, as completed, presents a fine appearance, and, up to date, there has been no sign of settlement.



Contract No. 1 – Completed Work, Vicinity of Porter Avenue, August 7, 1897.

¹ This location is associated with the alignment of the original Erie Canal, completed in 1825, and the enlarged Erie Canal, built between 1836 and 1862, documented on historic maps dating to 1829, 1836, 1866, 1872, 1894, and 1925 (Montague and Perrelli 2013: 20-25).



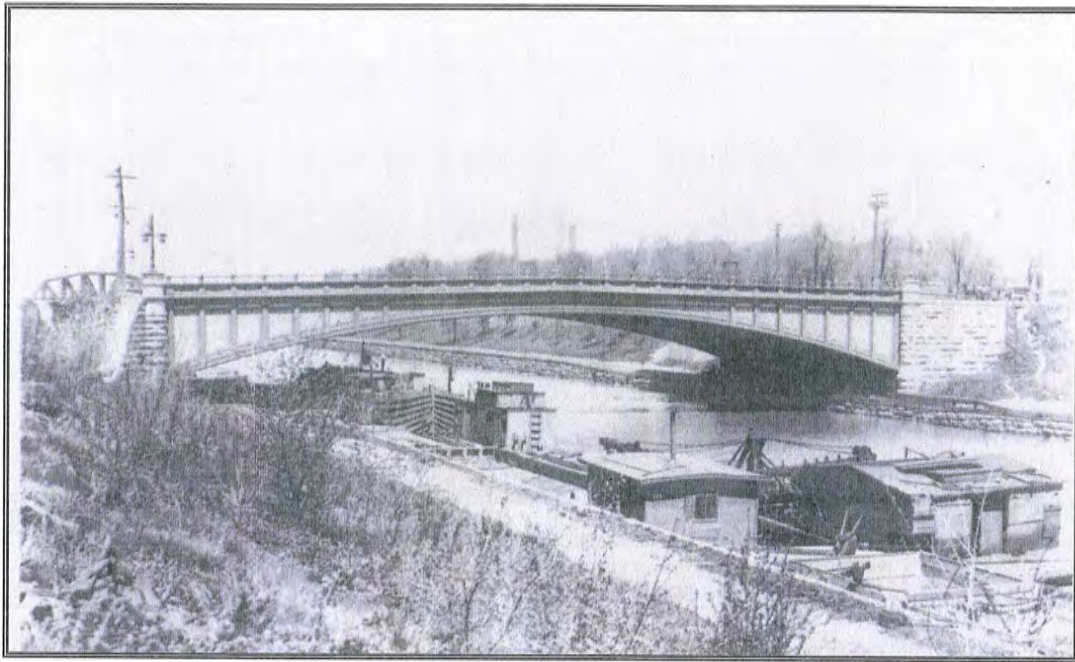
South Side of Porter Avenue Bridge, Buffalo, N.Y. Length of span, 186 feet; width of roadway, 50 feet; width of walks, 25 feet; clear height at center above water surface, 26-1/2 feet.

With the completion of the Barge Canal in 1918, the original alignment of the Erie Canal was abandoned. The section of the Erie Canal beneath Porter Avenue was filled in some time before the construction of I-190 (As-Built plan sheet, 1956).

No record has been found to document when the 1897 steel arch was removed. Since the 1957 contract documents do not specify removal of the superstructure, it appears the steel arch was no longer extant at that time. The 1956 as-built plans indicate that Porter Avenue provided a detour for a grade crossing which was eliminated with the construction of the existing bridge and relocation of the rail line at this location.

Substructure Notes on the 1956 plans indicate that Porter Avenue abutments were "to be built up from existing masonry abutments which are founded on timber piles" (NTC 57-11, 1956). The contract documents do not specify retaining the existing stone blocks in place or re-setting existing stone. Current NYSDOT records indicate the existing bridge was built on continuous spread footings on earth, with no piles. Photographs of existing conditions show the existing masonry abutments set on a concrete pad, consistent with the Department's structures inventory information.

Based on available records and the professional assessment of NYSDOT engineers, the existing abutments were constructed on the location of the 1897 abutments, incorporating part of the original base. The existing abutments are estimated to contain approximately 40 percent of the original stone from the earlier bridge. Though not recorded in available documents, it appears the original backwall and structure down to the bridge seat were removed at some point, possibly when the steel arch superstructure was removed. The existing abutments are concrete structures with a stone fascia composed of the original rough-faced ashlar blocks.



View from the south of Porter Avenue over the Erie Canal, ca. 1915.



View from the north of Porter Avenue over I-190, April 2013.



Aerial view, Porter Avenue bridge from the south, 2013.



View of the I-190 corridor, looking north from the Porter Avenue bridge.

The existing bridge abutments represent a structural fragment of an earlier bridge that carried Porter Avenue over the Erie Canal. As components of an "artistic" bridge design developed within the context of the (Olmsted) Park system and canal, the original 1897 abutments were consistent with the scale, proportion, and massing of the late 19th century steel arch bridge. The abutment materials and aesthetic treatments complimented the decorative elements on the original superstructure. However, the original design intent was lost with the removal of the steel arch and modifications to the abutments in the mid-20th century.

The BIN 5512560 abutments represent a period in the 1950's when the landscape surrounding the abandoned canal was undergoing transformation to accommodate 20th century transportation facilities. New construction for the NYS Thruway (I-190) and relocation of the NY Central Railroad resulted in modifications to the natural as well as the built environment, including a loss of physical features associated with the 19th century canal. Within the context of the modern Interstate highway corridor, the existing Porter Avenue bridge abutments no longer retain historic integrity of design, setting, feeling, and association, and do not convey the historic character of the former 19th century canal crossing.

In summary, NYSDOT finds the existing Porter Avenue bridge abutments are not eligible for the National Register, and concludes that BIN 5512560 is not considered a 'historic property' under Section 106, nor a Section 4(f) 'historic site' as defined in 23 CFR Part 774.17. In the event of a proposal to replace BIN 5512560, NYSDOT would consider salvaging the abutments' remaining stone and architectural elements for reuse on a new bridge, for the purpose of incorporating these materials as aesthetic elements of a context-sensitive design reflecting the history of the location and setting.

We respectfully request the written concurrence of the SHPO with the updated finding for the Porter Avenue bridge as 'not eligible' for the National Register of Historic Places. To maintain the project schedule, we would appreciate your response, in writing, by August 30, 2013.

Please forward any questions or comments to my attention at Dan.Hitt@dot.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: List of Sources
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Intercepting Sewer Plan and Profile, Record Drawing 14, Sheet No. 3

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Buffalo Sewer Authority

1936 Intercepting Sewer Division H, Canal Section, Plan and Profile. Sta. 0+00 to Porter Avenue.
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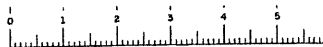
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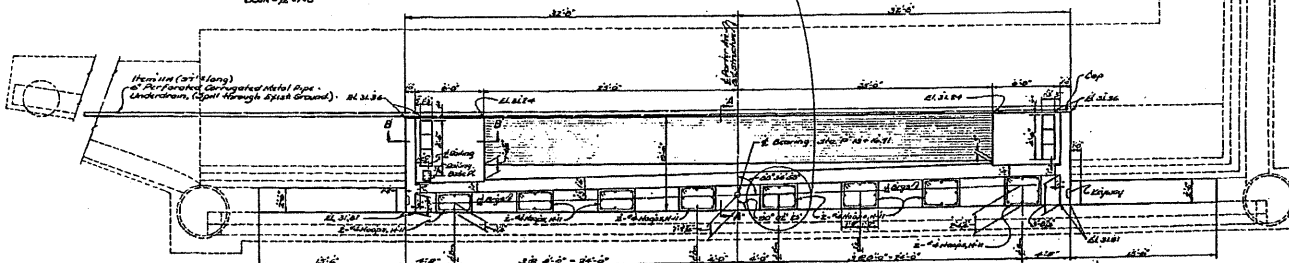
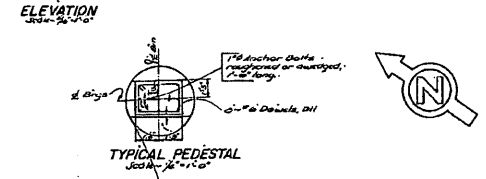
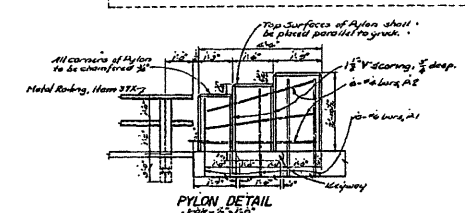
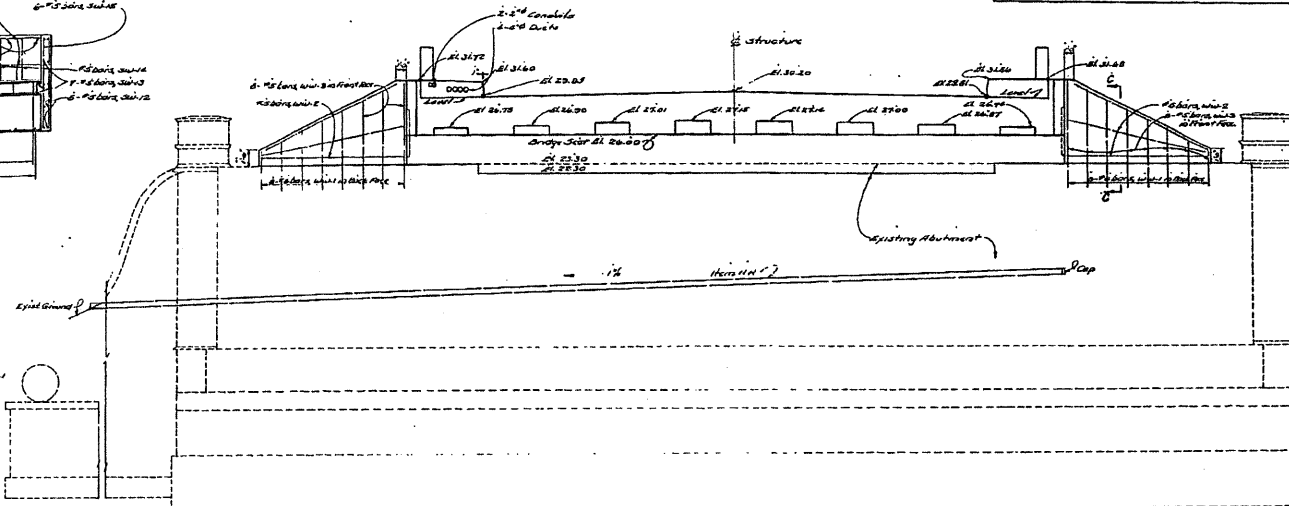
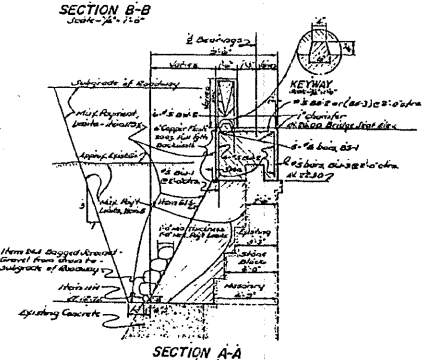
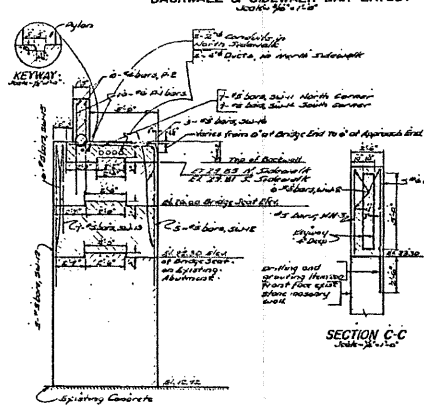
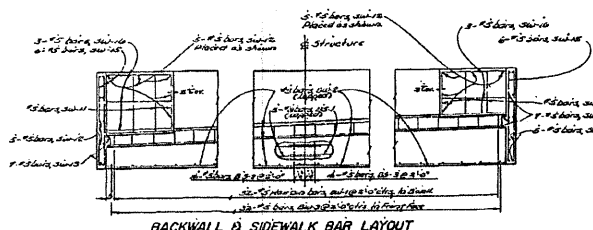
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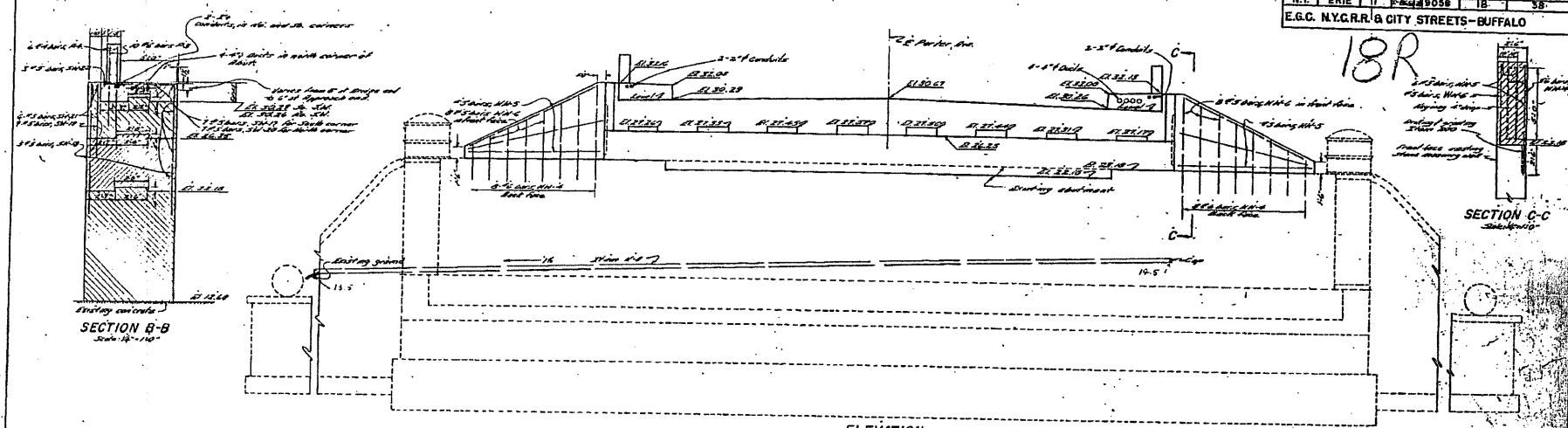
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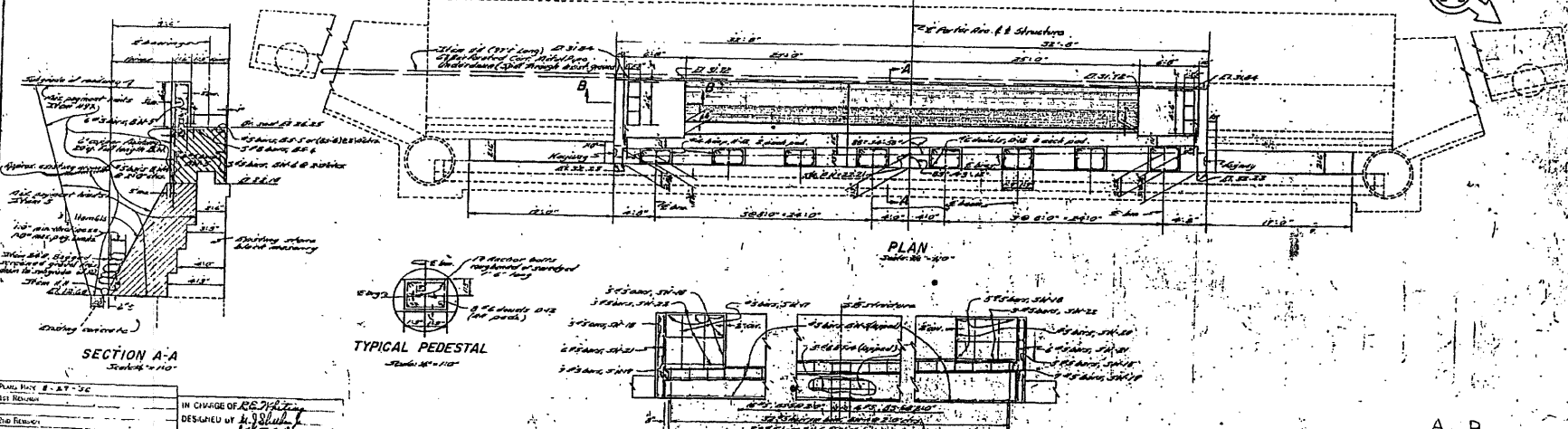
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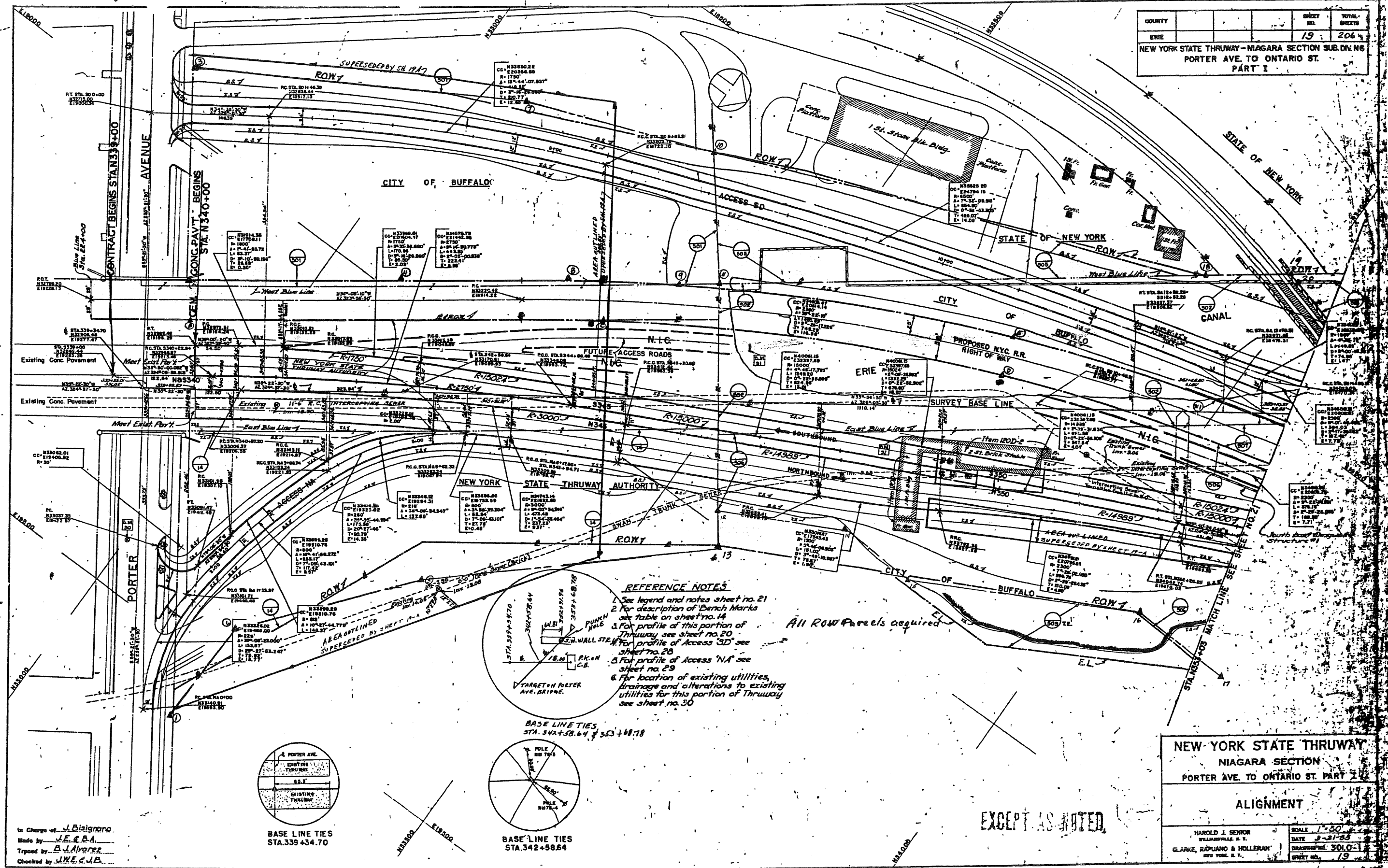
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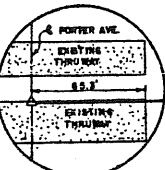
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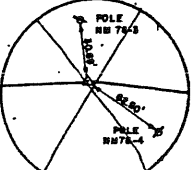
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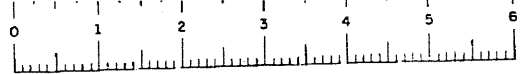


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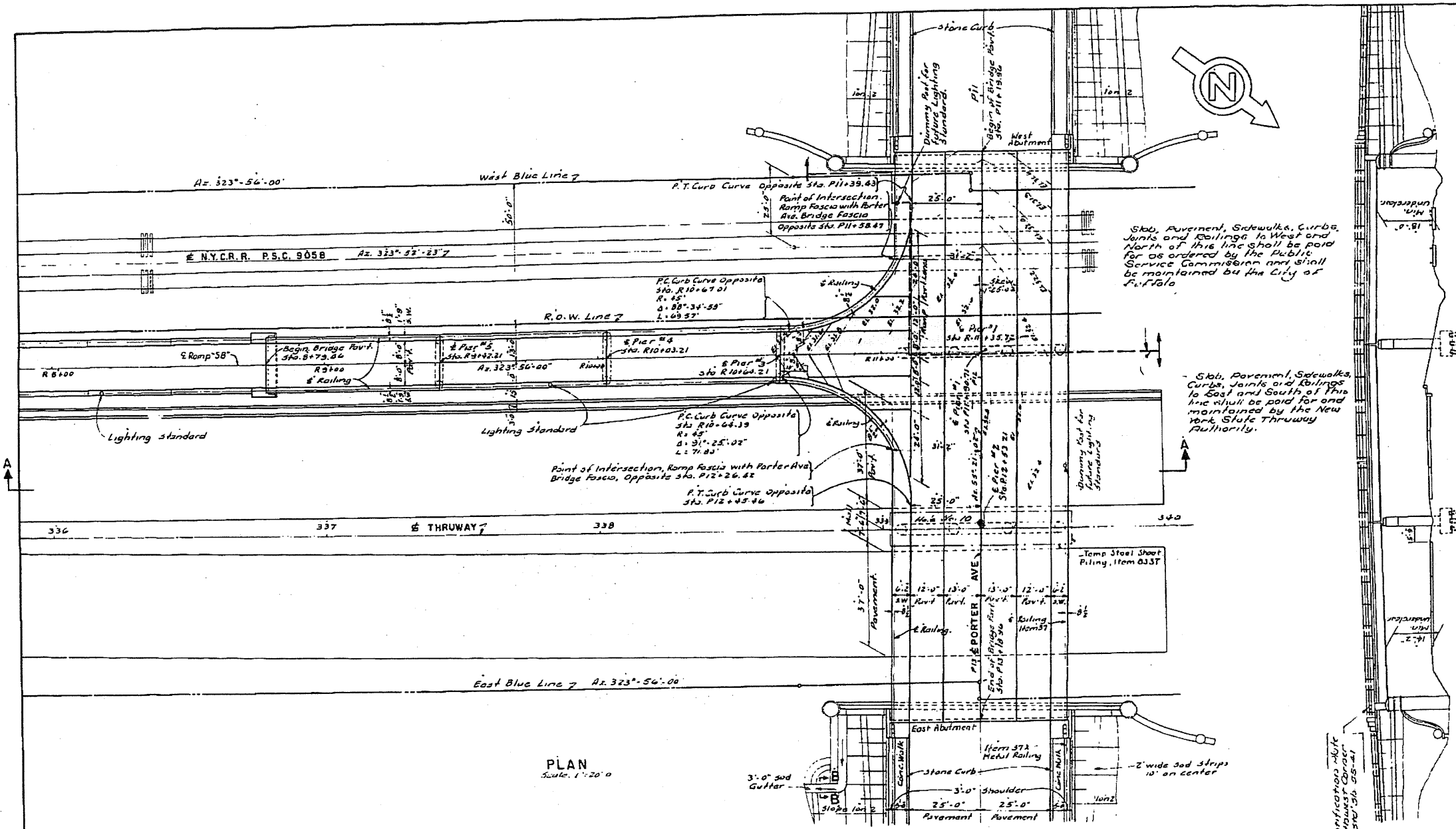
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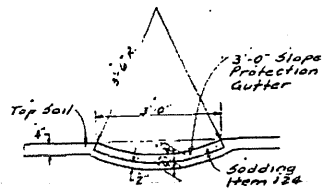
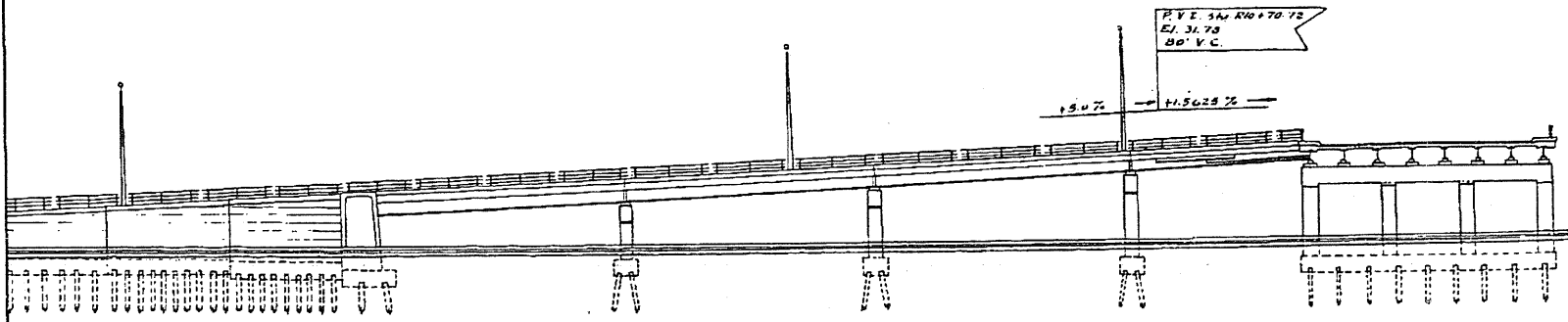
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Materials and Fabrication Specifications of New York State Department of Public Works dated Jan. 2, 1951 and current modifications and additions.
Design Specifications A.A.S.H.O. 1953, Loading H-20-S16-44
No Identification Plate shall be installed where indicated on the plans (See Specifications). The instructions for installing the plate will be furnished by the Engineer.
The Contractor's attention is directed to the necessity of recognizing the elevation of ground water so that he will progress his work with the full knowledge of water being present. Any costs involved in keeping the site free from water shall be included in the price bid for Items 5, Trench, Culvert and Bridge Excavation.
The Contractor's attention is directed to the special notes for this structure which appear in the proposal. Particular attention should be given to the foundation note which outlines the anticipated subsurface conditions at the site of the structure and which specifies certain requirements relative to construction.
Cement to be used in all concrete items in the structure except pavement shall be Portland Cement, Type 2 with Durex AEA added.
Approved screened gravel may be used as coarse aggregate for all concrete items.
Construction joints, other than those shown, will not be permitted without written permission of the Deputy Chief Engineer (Bridges).
Additional bar reinforcement used for extension of bars for any purpose will be paid for at the price bid.
Cement to be used in Cement Concrete Pavement shall be Portland Cement, Type 2d.

WELDING NOTES
Steel base metal to be welded shall conform to the requirements of the current edition of the specifications for Structural Steel for Welding (A.S.T.M. designation A333).
All welding shall comply with the current specifications for Welded Highway and Railway Bridges of the American Welding Society unless otherwise noted on the plans and with the exception noted below.
Mild steel Arc Welding Electrodes with low hydrogen type covering shall be used for all welding. The electrodes shall comply with A.S.T.M. (A233-48T) requirement for classification E6015 or E6016.
Care shall be exercised to prevent the absorption of moisture by low hydrogen coatings. Electrodes which have been removed from their moistureproof containers for periods of more than 4 hours shall be restored by placing in an approved oven at a temperature of 300° F. for a period of 2 hours or more in order to remove any moisture that may have been absorbed by the coatings.

MAINTENANCE NOTES
The New York Central Railroad Company shall maintain and keep in repair the framework of the spans over the railroad tracks referred to as Span 1, the West Abutment and Pier No. 1 all of the Porter Ave structure.
The New York State Thruway Authority shall maintain and keep in repair the remainder of the Porter Ave structure, including the superstructure of the two spans over the Thruway, the East Abutment, also the entire superstructure and substructure of the Ramp SB structure.
For detailed description of superstructure maintenance see Layout on this sheet and on 'Steel Layout' sheet.



8-27-54	IN CHARGE OF R.E. Whiting
10-4-56 Cement Note Revised	DESIGNED BY
12-10-56 Loading Change to H20S16-44	DETAILED BY M.J. Sheehan
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PORTER AVE & RAMP "SB" LAYOUT



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Re: FHWA, DOT · PIN 5760.80
Determination of Eligibility: Porter Avenue Bridge Abutments
New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the U.S. Peace Bridge Plaza- PIN
5760.80/ 13PR02859, City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York: Section 106 Review Process – BIN
5512560
(Porter Avenue Bridge Over I-190 & CSX)

Dear Mr. Hitt:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the submitted letter for the Determination of Eligibility for the Porter Avenue Bridge Abutments received by our office August 27, 2013. We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, *as amended*, and its implementing regulations 36 C.F.R. Part 800 – *Protection of Historic Properties*.

The masonry abutments were previously identified as potentially eligible archaeological resources under National Register Criterion A due to their association with the Erie Canal. However, through consultation with our office (SHPO) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), it was determined that the abutments are not considered to be archaeological resources. However, it was determined that further research was necessary to evaluate the potential for these resources to meet the criteria for National Register eligibility as historic structures.

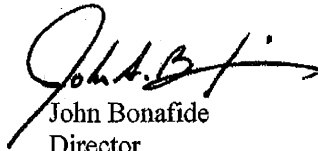
Additional information was obtained regarding the structural history of the masonry abutments. Based upon the information provided, it is clear that the abutments have undergone significant modification since their original construction. The BIN 5512560 abutments represent a period in the 1950s when landscape surrounding the abandoned canal was undergoing transformation to accommodate 20th century transportation facilities. New construction for the NYS Thruway and relocation of the NY Central Railroad resulted in modifications to the built environment. This includes a loss of physical features associated with the 19th century canal. As such, it is determined that the bridge abutments no longer retain historic integrity of design, setting, feeling, and association, and do not convey the historic character of the former 19th century canal crossing.

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Based upon the provided information, our office concurs with the updated determination of eligibility for the Porter Avenue Bridge as not eligible for the listing in National Register of Historic Places. Further, the abutments are not considered a Section 4(f) 'historic site' as defined in 23 CFR Part 774.17.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 237-8643.

Sincerely,



John Bonafide
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**RE: NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA
PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106: DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY – PORTER AVENUE BRIDGE ABUTMENTS**

Dear Mr. Anker:

On August 27, 2013, the New York State Department of Transportation submitted an updated evaluation of National Register eligibility for the bridge carrying Porter Avenue over I-190 and CSX (BIN 5512560), to the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). While the bridge was previously determined not eligible for the National Register, it was determined that further research was necessary to evaluate the potential for the masonry abutments to meet the criteria for National Register eligibility as historic structures.

Additional information on the structural history indicates the masonry abutments have undergone significant modification since their original construction as part of a bridge crossing the Erie Canal, ca. 1897. The abutments witnessed a period in the 1950s when the landscape surrounding the abandoned canal was undergoing transformation to accommodate 20th century transportation facilities. New construction for the NYS Thruway and relocation of the NY Central Railroad resulted in modifications to the built environment. This included a loss of physical features associated with the 19th century canal. As such, it is determined that the bridge abutments no longer retain historic integrity of design, setting, feeling, and association, and do not convey the historic character of the former 19th century canal crossing.

Based upon the provided information, the SHPO concurred with the updated evaluation by letter dated August 29, 2013.

We respectfully request FHWA concurrence with the updated determination of eligibility for the Porter Avenue Bridge as not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, we request FHWA concurrence that the bridge abutments are not considered a Section 4(f) 'historic site', as defined in 23 CFR Part 774.17.

Mr. Hans Anker, P.E.

September 3, 2013

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Please forward any questions or comments to my attention at Dan.Hitt@dot.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Hitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

DANIEL P. HITT, RLA

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Enclosures: SHPO letter – August 29, 2013

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Bridge Plaza, City of Buffalo, Erie County, Section 106-Determination of Eligibility

Dear Mr. Hitt:

We have reviewed your September 3 letter and SHPO concurrence letter dated August 29 regarding the determination of eligibility for the Porter Avenue Bridge Abutments on the subject project. For the reasons outlined, we concur with your determination that the Porter Avenue Bridge is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, we concur that the bridge abutments are not a Section 4(f) 'historic site' as defined in 23 CFR Part 774.17.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (518) 431-8896.

Sincerely,

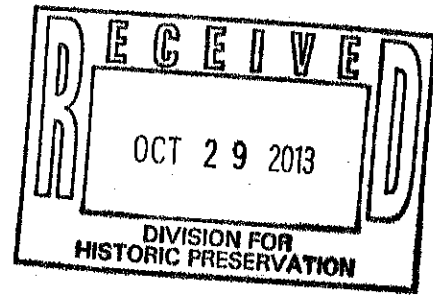
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**RE: NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA
PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS – NO ADVERSE EFFECT FINDING**

Dear Mr. Bonafide:

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is submitting the enclosed 'Finding Documentation' for the *New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza (Project)*, for review by the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulation, 36 CFR Part 800 – *Protection of Historic Properties*. The Section 106 process is being carried out in coordination with other environmental reviews, including an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

NYSDOT, in coordination with FHWA, has applied the criteria of adverse effect (36 CFR 800.5(a)(1)), and finds the Project will have No Adverse Effect on identified historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the Project. Based on the proposed scope of work under the Build Alternative, NYSDOT and FHWA find that the Project would not alter, directly or indirectly, the characteristics that qualify identified historic properties for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Enclosed for your review is a package of supporting materials meeting documentation standards for a 'no adverse effect' finding, as outlined in 36 CFR 800.11(e). We have considered public input received during the Scoping phase, Consulting Party views offered at a July 30, 2013 meeting and written comments received from Consulting Party members based on review of a preliminary assessment of effects. Once FHWA has issued an effect determination for the Project, the Section 106 Finding Documentation will be distributed to the Seneca Nation of Indians, the Tonawanda Seneca Nation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (AHP), and other Section 106 Consulting Party members. The Section 106 determination and supporting documentation will be made available to the public as part of the Draft EIS for the Project.

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Supporting materials enclosed in this package include the final map of the APE (Attachment A), recently revised in association with two new work elements incorporated in the Project, the proposed relocation of a segment of the Shoreline Trail (formerly Riverwalk), and replacement of the existing Porter Avenue bridge over the New York State Thruway and CSX Railroad. In response to this addition, Attachment D of the Section 106 Finding Documentation, *Addendum Report: Archaeological Sensitivity and Proposal for Archaeological Testing and Monitoring*, provides an assessment of archaeological sensitivity for these additional areas within the APE.

The Finding Documentation also includes a *Draft Plan for Archaeological Monitoring during Construction*, based on preliminary plans and profiles. As the project is progressed through the final design phase, the *Draft Plan for Archaeological Monitoring during Construction* will be refined and finalized. Contract documents will incorporate the *Plan for Archaeological Monitoring during Construction*, to ensure that archaeological resources, if any, would be appropriately addressed in accordance with Section 106 obligations.

Based upon review of the enclosed Finding Documentation and consultation with your agency, we respectfully request the written concurrence of the SHPO with a **No Adverse Effect** finding for the Project as per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(1). This includes concurrence that the Project will not adversely affect Front Park, a historic property listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and subject to Section 4(f) protection in accordance with 23 CFR 774.

Please indicate your concurrence by signing and returning the last page of this letter to our office. If you have any questions, please contact me at Dan.Hitt@dot.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: *Section 106 Finding Documentation and attachments*

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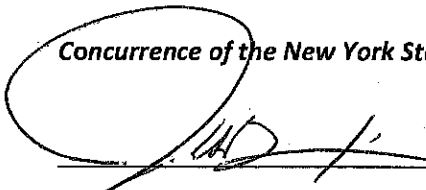
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**New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza
City of Buffalo, Erie County**

By the following signature, the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) indicates concurrence with a finding of **No Adverse Effect** for the *New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza*, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.5(a)(1).

The SHPO acknowledges that it has been notified of the intent of the FHWA to make a *de minimis* finding for Front Park, based on the Section 106 determination of 'no adverse effect'.

Concurrence of the New York State Historic Preservation Office:

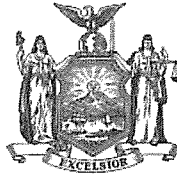


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**RE: NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA
PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106 REVIEW PROCESS: NO ADVERSE EFFECT FINDING**

Dear Mr. Anker:

On October 28, 2013, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) submitted 'Finding Documentation' for the *New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza* (Project), to the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), for review in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulation, 36 CFR Part 800 – *Protection of Historic Properties*. The Finding Documentation was prepared in accordance with documentation standards outlined in 36 CFR 800.11(e).

In coordination with your office, and in consultation with the SHPO, NYSDOT applied the criteria of adverse effect (36 CFR 800.5(a)(1)), and finds the Project will have No Adverse Effect on identified historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the Project. Based on the proposed scope of work under the Build Alternative, the Project would not alter, directly or indirectly, the characteristics that qualify the following historic properties for the National Register of Historic Places: Front Park, Porter Avenue, and the Prospect Hill Historic District.

The proposed finding includes a commitment to implement archaeological monitoring during construction, to address the potential for deeply buried archaeological remains. As the project is progressed through the final design phase, the Draft *Plan for Archaeological Monitoring during Construction* will be refined, finalized, and incorporated in contract documents to ensure that any archaeological resources encountered during construction would be appropriately addressed in accordance with Section 106 obligations.

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Following the issuance of an effect determination by FHWA, the Section 106 Finding Documentation will be distributed to the Seneca Nation of Indians, the Tonawanda Seneca Nation, other Section 106 Consulting Party members, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (AHP). The Section 106 determination and supporting documentation will also be made available to the public as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project.

Based on consultation with FHWA and NYSDOT, and review of the provided documentation, the SHPO has concurred with a finding of No Adverse Effect for the Project. As the official with jurisdiction over Front Park as a 'historic site' subject to Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, the SHPO acknowledges the intent of FHWA to make a Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact finding for Front Park, based on the written concurrence of the SHPO with a 'no adverse effect' finding under Section 106.

At this time, we respectfully request that FHWA issue a '**No Adverse Effect**' determination for the Project, and concur that the requirements of 36 CFR Part 800 have been met. We also request FHWA concurrence that the Project's proposed work within Front Park qualifies for a *de minimis* impact finding under Section 4(f).

To maintain the current Project schedule, we request your response by **November 7, 2013**. Please forward any questions or comments to my attention at Dan.Hitt@dot.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



DANIEL P. HITT, RLA
(Acting) Co-Director, Office of Environment

Enclosures: SHPO concurrence letter

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To the US Peace Bridge Plaza, City of Buffalo, Erie County
Section 106 – Determination of No Adverse Effect

Dear Mr. Hitt:

In response to your November 7 request, we have reviewed your correspondence dated October 28, and the November 4 response from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that concurs with your *No Adverse Effect* recommendation. We concur that this undertaking will have *No Adverse Effect* upon cultural resources or historic properties in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The requirements of 36 CFR Part 800 have been met for this project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (518) 431-8896.

Sincerely,

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Senior Area Engineer

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(PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859)
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SECTION 106: NO ADVERSE EFFECT DETERMINATION AND FINDING
DOCUMENTATION**

Dear Chief Hill:

Enclosed for your information is the 'Finding Documentation' for the New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project to the US Peace Bridge Plaza, a project subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulation, 36 CFR Part 800 – Protection of Historic Properties. This package of materials is being distributed to all approved Section 106 Consulting Party members as notification of a finding of 'No Adverse Effect' for the project.

On July 30, 2013, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) distributed a document entitled '*Draft Finding Documentation: Preliminary Assessment of Effect*' to all Section 106 Consulting Party members, initiating a 30-day period for review and comment. All written comments submitted to NYSDOT were shared with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), reviewed, and considered as part of the process for evaluating the project's effects on identified historic properties. A summary of comments received from consulting parties is attached to the Finding Documentation. Concerns that fall outside the scope of Section 106 review, including environmental considerations other than historic and cultural resources, will be addressed by analyses presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The final Finding Documentation provides information concerning proposed work elements under the Build Alternative, and measures to avoid or minimize effects on the historic character

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and setting of known resources. The conclusion remains consistent with the preliminary assessment that the project would not alter, directly or indirectly, the characteristics that qualify identified historic properties for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Based on an application of the criteria of adverse effect (36 CFR 800.5(a)(1)), FHWA has determined the project will have 'No Adverse Effect' on identified historic properties within the area of potential effects. Implementation of the project in accordance with this finding, as documented, fulfills Section 106 responsibilities under 36 CFR Part 800.

All documentation and correspondence relating to the Section 106 process, including public and consulting party comments, will be incorporated in the DEIS for the project. The release of the DEIS is anticipated in mid-November 2013.

On behalf of FHWA and NYSDOT, thank you for your interest and participation in the Section 106 consultation process for this project.

Sincerely,



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SECTION 106: NO ADVERSE EFFECT DETERMINATION AND FINDING
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Dear Ms. Bach:

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The final Finding Documentation provides information concerning proposed work elements under the Build Alternative, and measures to avoid or minimize effects on the historic character and setting of known resources. The conclusion remains consistent with the preliminary assessment that the project would not alter, directly or indirectly, the characteristics that qualify identified historic properties for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Based on an application of the criteria of adverse effect (36 CFR 800.5(a)(1)), FHWA has determined the project will have 'No Adverse Effect' on identified historic properties within the area of potential effects. Implementation of the project in accordance with this finding, as documented, fulfills Section 106 responsibilities under 36 CFR Part 800.

All documentation and correspondence relating to the Section 106 process, including public and consulting party comments, will be incorporated in the DEIS for the project. The release of the DEIS is anticipated in mid-November 2013.

On behalf of FHWA and NYSDOT, thank you for your interest and participation in the Section 106 consultation process for this project.

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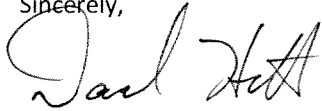
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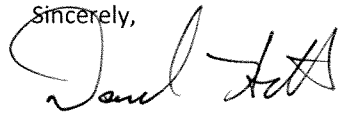
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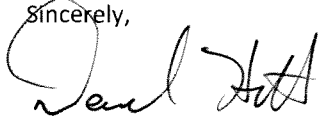
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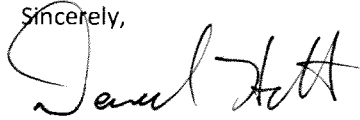
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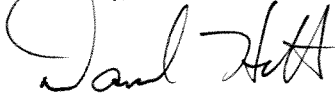
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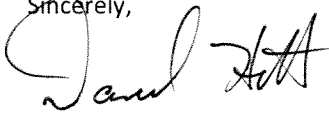
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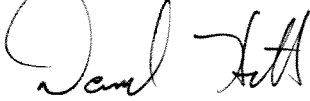
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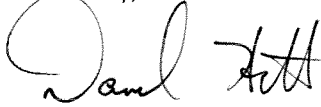
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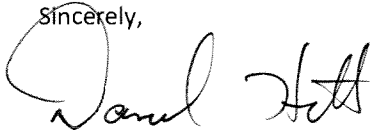
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**RE: NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE US PEACE BRIDGE PLAZA
(PIN 5760.80 / 13PR02859)
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SECTION 106: NO ADVERSE EFFECT DETERMINATION AND FINDING DOCUMENTATION**

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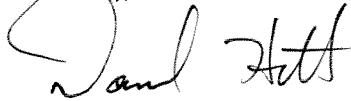
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